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CHURCH OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, HENDERSON,
WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, A. D. 1898,
AT 10 O'CLOCK A. M.

DIOCESE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

1897.

DIOCESAN OFFICERS.

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The Rt. Rev. JOSEPH BLOUNT CHESHIRE, Jr., D.D., Raleigh.

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The Rev. William Walker.

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The Rev. Julian E. Ingle,	Dean of Raleigh.
The Rev. F. J. Murdoch, D.D.,	Dean of Salisbury.
The Rev. Charles L. Hoffmann,	Dean of Charlotte.

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The Bishop of the Diocese.

The Rev. E. A. Osborne.	The Rev. F. J. Murdoch, D.D.
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Mr. Stephen F. Lord.

CHURCH BUILDING COMMITTEE.

The Bishop of the Diocese.

The Rev. William Walker.	Mr. Frank T. Ward.
The Rev. I. McK. Pittenger, D.D.	Mr. W. E. Ashley.

The Rev. Julian E. Ingle.

TRUSTEES OF THE DIOCESE.

The Bishop of the Diocese.

Mr. Charles E. Johnson.

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TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

The Rev. Francis J. Murdoch, D.D.

Mr. William L. London.

Mr. William A. Smith.

TRUSTEE OF THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Rev. Junius M. Horner.

MANAGERS OF THE THOMPSON ORPHANAGE AND TRAINING INSTITUTION.

The Bishop of the Diocese.

The Rev. William R. Wetmore, D.D. Term expires 1898.

Mr. William A. Smith. " " 1898.

The Rev. Francis J. Murdoch, D.D. " " 1900.

Mr. J. G. Shannonhouse. " " 1900.

The Rev. James Carmichael, D.D. " " 1902.

Mr. J. Fairfax Payne. " " 1902.

DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

The Rev. M. M. Marshall, D.D. Mr. John Wilkes.

The Rev. F. J. Murdoch, D.D. Mr. Richard H. Battle, LL.D.

Mr. Samuel S. Nash.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEPUTIES.

The Rev. Bennett Smedes, D.D. Mr. William L. London.

The Rev. Julian E. Ingle. Mr. Fred. Philips.

The Rev. Junius M. Horner. Mr. John S. Henderson.

Mr. Platt D. Walker

DELEGATES TO THE MISSIONARY COUNCIL.

The Rev. A. Burtis Hunter. Mr. William L. London.

The Rev. William Walker. Mr. J. I. Johnson.

The Rev. Junius M. Horner. Mr. Samuel S. Nash.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF THE CLERGY.

MAY, 1897.

Those whose names are printed in *italics* were not members of the Convention. The names of those who were not present are marked thus *.

The Rt. Rev. JOSEPH BLOUNT CHESHIRE, Jr., D.D., Bishop of the Diocese; P. O., Raleigh.

ALSTON, P. P., Priest in charge of the Chapel of St. Michael and All Angels, Charlotte.

AVIRETT, JAMES B., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Louisburg, and St. James', Kittrell; P. O., Louisburg.

BAILEY, THOMAS B., Deacon. officiating in St. James' Church, Pittsboro, and St. Philip's, Noise, Moore County; P. O., Pittsboro.

BARBER, H. HOBART, Rector of the Church of St. Athanasius, Burlington.

*BATTLE, GASTON, Deacon, officiating in St. John's Church, Battleboro; P. O., Rocky Mount.

Bayliss, F. Cecil, Rector of St. Timothy's Church, Wilson.

BLAND, CHARLES T., Rector of St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsboro; in charge also of St. Thomas', Sanford; P. O., Pittsboro.

BOST, SIDNEY S., Rector of Christ Church and St. Andrew's, Rowan County; in charge also of St. Matthew's and St. Jude's Chapels; P. O., Salisbury.

BRONSON, B. S., Rector of Emmanuel Church, Warrenton.

*CHESHIRE, JOSEPH BLOUNT, D.D., residing in Tarboro.

*DAVIS, J. C., Rector of All Saints' Church, Concord; in charge also of the Church of the Redemption, Lexington; P. O., Concord.

DELANY, HENRY B., Instructor in St. Augustine's School, Raleigh; in charge also of All Saints' Mission, Warrenton; P. O., Raleigh.

FETTER, CHARLES, Rector of Calvary Church, Wadesboro; in charge also of Missions at Ansonville, and in Richmond County; P.O., Wadesboro.

FETTER, FREDERICK A., Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Reidsville, and Epiphany, Leaksville; in charge also of Christ Church, Milton, and Cunningham's Chapel; P. O., Reidsville.

GEORGE, JOHN F., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Winston.

Gregory, Henry T., Priest in charge of Emmanuel Mission, Southern Pines.

GRIFFITH, JOHN H., Jr., Deacon, officiating in Trinity Church, Statesville.

HILLIARD, FRANCIS W., Priest in charge of St. Paul's Church, Monroe.

HOFFMANN, CHARLES L., Rector of St. Peter's Church, Charlotte.

HORNER, JUNIUS M., Associate Principal of the Horner School, Oxford.

HUNTER, A. BURTIS, Principal of St. Augustine's School; in charge also of St. Augustine's Chapel, Raleigh.

INGLE, JULIAN E., Rector of the Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson.

JONES, HORACE W., Rector of St. Barnabas' Church; Greensboro; in charge also of St. Cuthbert's Chapel.

*Joseph. H. M., residing in England.

KING, JAMES E., Deacon, officiating in the Church of St. Ambrose, Raleigh, and St. Matthias', Louisburg; P. O., Raleigh.

MARSHALL, M. M., D.D., Rector of Christ Church. Raleigh.

McKENZIE, B. S., Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rocky Mount.

MILLER, JAMES D., Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Greensboro.

MURDOCH, F. J., D D., Rector of St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, and St. Mary's Church, Rowan County; in charge also of the Chapels of St. Peter and St. John at Salisbury; P. O., Salisbury.

*Murphy, Joseph W, residing in Washington, D. C.

OSBORNE, E. A., Superintendent of the Thompson Orphanage and Training Institution, Charlotte; in charge also of St. Mark's, Mecklenburg County; P. O., Charlotte.

OWENS, R. B., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Salisbury, and St. James', Iredell County; P. O., Salisbury.

PERRY, JOHN W., Rector of St. Luke's Church, Tarboro; in charge also of St. Mark's Chapel, Wilson; P. O., Tarboro.

*PETTIGREW, WM. S., Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Ridgeway, and St. John's, Williamsboro; in charge also of Missions in Vance County; P. O., Ridgeway.

PHELPS, GIRARD W., Rector of St. Clement's Church, Ringwood; in charge also of Missions at Littleton and Gaston, and in Edgecombe County; P. O., Littleton.

PICARD, W. T., Deacon, officiating in the Church of the Saviour, Jackson.

PITTENGER, I. McK., D.D., Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh.

PLUMMER, JAMES F., Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Oxford.

*POFFENBERGER, MARTIN L.

PRUDEN, ALDRED A., Rector of St. Philip's Church, Durham.

*Quin, Charles C., officiating in Philadelphia, Pa.

*Schubert, Louis H., officiating in Charleston, South Carolina.

SMEDES, BENNETT, D.D., Rector of St. Mary's School, Raleigh.

SMITH, WALTER J., Rector of Trinity Church, Scotland Neck, and St. Mark's, Halifax; P. O., Scotland Neck.

*Towers, Frederick, residing in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

WALKER, WILLIAM, Archdeacon for work among colored people; P. O., Raleigh.

Watters, S. Paxson, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Hillsboro; in charge also of St. Mary's, Orange County; P. O., Hillsboro.

Weston, James A., officiating in Christ Church, Raleigh; in charge also of Missions at Smithfield and Stovall; P. O., Raleigh.

Williams, James H., Priest in charge of Missions in Rockingham County, and of those at High Point, Mocksville, and Mount Airy; P. O., Madison.

Winecoff, Thomas E., Rector of the Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill.

LIST OF THE CLERGY

ACCORDING TO DATE OF ORDINATION.

BISHOP.

The Right Reverend Joseph Blount Cheshire, Jr., D.D.

CONSECRATED OCTOBER 15, 1893.

PRIESTS.

Joseph Blount Cheshire, D.D.	ordained May	9, 1841.
Charles Theodore Bland	“ Nov.	17, 1850.
Joseph Wiggins Murphy	“ Nov.	4, 1855.
Francis William Hilliard	“ March	25, 1857.
Benjamin Swan Bronson	“ May	31, 1857.
Henry Trowbridge Gregory	“ May	10, 1859.
Bennett Smedes, D.D.	“ July	26, 1863.
Julian Edward Ingle	“ June	11, 1865.
Matthias Murray Marshall, D.D.	“ Sept.	3, 1865.
William Walker	“ Jan.	27, 1867.
Girard William Phelps	“ May	23, 1869.
James Henry Williams	“ June	25, 1869.
Francis Johnstone Murdoch, D.D.	“ May	8, 1870.
William Shepard Pettigrew	“ June	13, 1870.
Johnson Carmon Davis	“ June	30, 1870.
James Battle Avirett	“ May	23, 1875.
James Augustus Weston	“ Nov.	12, 1876.
Isaac McKendree Pittenger, D.D.	“ May	6, 1880.
Samuel Paxson Watters	“ Sept.	19, 1880.
Edwin Augustus Osborne	“ May	22, 1881.
John Francis George	“ June	7, 1881.
Frederick Towers	“ June	8, 1881.
Aaron Burtis Hunter	“ May	1, 1882.
Henry Mason Joseph	“ June	4, 1884.
Walter Johnston Smith	“ Nov.	15, 1885.
Louis Hector Schubert	“ May	31, 1886.
John William Perry	“ April	7, 1887.
Charles Carroll Quin	“ Oct.	18, 1887.
Martin Luther Poffenberger	“ May	26, 1888.

Charles Lorenzo Hoffmann	ordained May	18, 1891.
Junius Moore Horner	“ May	24, 1891.
Primus Priss Alston	“ Jan.	26, 1892.
Henry Beard Delany	“ May	2, 1892.
Henry Hobart Barber	“ Dec.	30, 1893.
Benjamin Sumner McKenzie	“ Feb.	18, 1894.
James Daniel Miller	“ Sept.	23, 1894.
Thomas Edward Winecoff	“ May	12, 1895.
Aldred Adino Pruden	“ May	18, 1895.
Horace Weeks Jones	“ June	9, 1895.
James Fitts Plummer	“ June	9, 1895.
Frank Cecil Bayliss	“ July	11, 1895.
Frederick Augustus Fetter	“ Dec.	21, 1895.
Charles Fetter	“ Dec.	21, 1895.
Sidney Stuart Bost	“ May	31, 1896.
Robert Bruce Owens	“ May	31, 1896.

DEACONS.

William Thomas Picard	ordered May	11, 1887.
Gaston Battle	“ March	26, 1893.
James Edward King	“ June	9, 1895.
Thomas Burke Bailey	“ June	9, 1895.
John Hammond Griffith, Jr.	“ Sept.	15, 1895.

CANDIDATES FOR PRIEST'S ORDERS.

The Rev. Gaston Battle	admitted March	27, 1893.
The Rev. John Hammond Griffith, Jr.	“ March	15, 1895.
William Bentley Crittenden	“ Nov.	8, 1892.
Royal G. Shannonhouse	“ July	21, 1896.

CANDIDATE FOR DEACON'S ORDERS.

Simeon Jeremiah Michael Brown	admitted Nov.	30, 1895.
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POSTULANTS.

Alfred James Griffin	admitted May	29, 1891.
Isaac Norfleet Neal	“ Feb.	17, 1893.
William Thomas Bost	“ Sept.	21, 1895.
Benjamin Turner Thompson	“ Sept.	21, 1895.
Thomas Lee Trott	“ Sept.	26, 1895.

LIST OF PARISHES AND MISSIONS

IN THE

DIOCESE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

WITH THE NAMES OF CLERGY IN CHARGE AND LAY DELEGATES TO THE CONVENTION.

PARISHES in small capitals. *Organized Missions* in italics. Missions entitled to representation marked thus. † Lay delegates present marked thus *. Names of alternates are placed under those of the Clergy in the right-hand column.

Ansonville,	† <i>All Souls</i> , *Wm. A. Smith.	Rev. CHARLES FETTER.
Battleboro.	St. John's,	Rev. GASTON BATTLE.
Burlington,	ST. ATHANASIUS, Lawrence S. Holt. J. Locke Erwin. *Erwin A. Holt. P. A. Wiley.	Rev. H. HOBART BARBER. J. Harper Erwin. Saul Hughes. *J. Zeb. Waller. S. A. Steele.
Chapel Hill,	CHAPEL OF THE CROSS, *Kemp P. Battle, LL.D. John Manning, LL D. R. S. McRae. *Charles Baskerville.	Rev. THOS. E. WINECOFF. *Samuel May. T. J. Wilson.
Charlotte,	St. Mary's,	Rev. E. A. OSBORNE.
Charlotte,	† <i>St. Michael's</i> (col.), *John S. Leary.	Rev. P. P. ALSTON. Wm. P. Stitt.
Charlotte,	ST. PETER'S, *John Wilkes. H. C. Jones. F. M. Shannonhouse. T. H. Houghton.	Rev. C. L. HOFFMANN. Heriot Clarkson. T. M. Constable. J. C. Palamountain. P. D. Walker.
Concord,	ALL SAINTS, Wm. G. Means. B. F. Rogers. J. C. Gibson. H. C. Puryear.	Rev. J. C. DAVIS, D.D.
Cunningham's,	Chapel,	Rev. F. A. FETTER.
Durham,	ST PHILIP'S, *W. A. Erwin. *Wm. L. Wall Charles McGary. W. A. Guthrie.	Rev. A. A. PRUDEN. Thos. H. Martin. W. J. Griswold. J. M. Manning, M.D. M. H. Jones.

Edgecombe Co.,	St. Mary's,	Rev. G. W. PHELPS.
Enfield,	ADVENT.	
	*A. S. Harrison, M.D.	
Gaston,	†St. Luke's,	Rev. G. W. PHELPS.
Germanton,	†St. Philip's,	Rev. JAMES H. WILLIAMS.
Goshen,	St. Paul's.	
Greensboro,	ST. ANDREW'S,	Rev. JAMES D. MILLER.
	*James D. Glenn.	Lewis Fry.
	Philip C. Pope.	Oscar Williams.
	Clement W. Huske.	D. D. DeButts.
	Wm. Hall Wetmore.	J. G. Brodnax, M.D.
Greensboro,	ST. BARNABAS,	Rev. H. W. JONES.
	John M. Dick.	W. E. Schenck.
	W. E. Stone.	George Broderick.
	Thos. Woodroffe.	L. C. Howlett.
	*W. J. Cleary.	O. D. Boycott.
Greensboro,	St. Cuthbert's,	Rev. H. W. JONES.
Gulf,	St. Mark's.	
Halifax,	ST. MARK'S,	Rev. W. J. SMITH.
	Sterling M. Gary.	John T. Gregory.
	J. J. Daniel	George Gilliam.
Henderson,	HOLY INNOCENTS,	Rev. JULIAN E. INGLE.
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	*D. Y. Cooper	M. B. Prince.
	J. H. Tucker, M.D.	Henry Perry.
	A. C. Zollicoffer.	Maurice J. O'Neil.
High Point,	St. Mary's,	Rev. JAMES H. WILLIAMS.
Hillsboro,	ST. MATTHEW'S,	Rev. S. P. WATTERS.
	*Geo. P. Collins.	E. A. Rosemond.
	Henry K. Nash.	W. A. Hayes.
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	D. F. Watson.	Jas. C. Overcash.
	L. C. Overcash.	John Sloop.
	W. L. Sloop.	G. F. Mills.
Jackson,	CH. OF THE SAVIOUR.	Rev. W. T. PICARD.
	W. W. Peebles.	G. R. Burgwyn.
	R. B. Peebles.	H. W. Lewis, M.D.
	J. A. Burgwyn	J. B. MacRae.
	S. W. Simpson.	C. S. Peebles.

Kittrell,	ST. JAMES, *B A. Capehart. C. W. Raney. Thomas Capehart.	Rev. JAS. B. AVIRETT. G. W. Kittrell. J. B. Hunter. D. B. Duke
Lawrence,	Grace,	Rev. G. W. PHELPS.
Leaksville,	EPIPHANY, A. B. Johns, M.D. H. C. Moir.	Rev. F. A. FETTER. W. S. Martin. S. L. Martin.
Lexington,	Redemption,	Rev J. C. DAVIS, D.D.
Littleton,	<i>Chapel of the Cross.</i>	Rev. G. W. PHELPS.
Littleton,	Mission (col.),	Rev. WILLIAM WALKER.
Louisburg,	St. Matthias (col.),	Rev. J. E. KING.
Louisburg,	ST. PAUL'S, Thomas White. W. H Yarborough, Jr. F. S. Spruill.	Rev. JAS. B. AVIRETT. W. M. Person. W. H. Ruffin. W. P. Neal.
Madison,	†St. John's,	Rev. JAS. H. WILLIAMS.
Mecklenburg Co.,	St. Andrew's,	{ Rev. E. A. OSBORNE.
Mecklenburg Co.,	†St. Mark's,	
Middleburg,	<i>Heavenly Rest,</i>	Rev. W. S. PETTIGREW.
Milton,	Christ Church,	Rev F. A. FETTER.
Monroe,	†St. Paul's, *John M. Fairley.	Rev. F. W. HILLIARD. Maurice E. McCauley.
Mount Airy,	Mission,	Rev. JAMES H. WILLIAMS.
Noise,	St Philip's (col.),	{ Rev. WILLIAM WALKER. { Rev. T. B. BAILEY.
Orange County,	†St. Mary's,	Rev. S P. WATTERS.
Oxford,	ST. STEPHEN'S, *G S. Patton. H C. Taylor. R. W. Lassiter.	Rev. JAMES F. PLUMMER. Charles Kingsbury. J. G. Hall.
Pittsboro,	ST. BARTHOLMEW'S, *W. L. London. *L. J. Haughton. *H. A. London. A. D. Lippitt.	Rev. C. T. BLAND. H. Pope. G. R. Pilkington. H. Ad. London.
Pittsboro,	†St. James (col.), William Harris.	{ Rev. WILLIAM WALKER. { Rev. T. B. BAILEY. Alexander Anderson.

Raleigh,	CHRIST CHURCH,	{ Rev. M. M. MARSHALL, D.D. Rev. JAMES A. WESTON.
	*C. M. Busbee.	T. T. Hay.
	*R. H. Lewis. M. D.	E. S. Trapier.
	*C. E. Johnson.	M. R. Haynes.
	*W. B. Grimes.	R. B. Raney.
Raleigh,	GOOD SHEPHERD,	Rev. I. McK. PITTINGER, D.D.
	*R. H. Battle, LL. D.	C. G. Latta.
	*J. B. Batchelor, LL. D.	F. T. Ward.
	*Wm. Woolcott.	C. C. McDonald.
	*K. P. Battle, Jr., M.D.	Geo. T. Norwood
Raleigh,	ST. AMBROSE (col.),	Rev. JAMES E. KING.
	*William Minor.	D. G. Phifer
	*H. S. Christmas.	Charles Harrison.
Raleigh,	St. Augustine's Chl. (col)	{ Rev. A. B. HUNTER. Rev. H. B. DELANY.
Raleigh,	St. Mary's Chapel,	Rev. BENNETT SMEDES, D.D.
Raleigh,	St. Saviour's,	{ Rev. M. M. MARSHALL, D.D. Rev. JAMES A. WESTON.
Reidsville,	ST. THOMAS,	Rev. F. A. FETTER.
	A. H. Galloway.	R. J. Mayo.
	A. M. Whitsett.	E. P. Anderson.
Ridgeway,	GOOD SHEPHERD,	Rev. W. S. PETTIGREW.
	*Wm. L. Baxter.	
	Stephen L. Crowder.	
	Thomas G. Plummer.	
	Charles Petar, Jr.	
Richmond County	Missions,	Rev. CHARLES FETTER.
Ringwood,	ST. CLEMENTS,	Rev. G. W. PHELPS.
	H. Spooner Harrison.	W. F. Williams.
	Thomas H. Taylor.	L. Vinson.
Rocky Mount,	GOOD SHEPHERD,	Rev. BENJ. S. MCKENZIE.
	Jacob Battle.	F. Y. Ramsay.
	*E. G. Muse.	G. L. Wimberley.
	*Thomas H. Battle.	W. C. Woodard.
	*W. H. McDonald.	D. D. Cuthrell.
Rowan County,	CHRIST CHURCH,	Rev. SIDNEY S. BOST.
	W. A. Barber.	Arthur Thompson.
	W. P. Barber,	Blount Kesler.
	B. T. Thompson, Sr.	B. T. Thompson, Jr.
	W. F. Thompson.	C. Barber.

Rowan County,	ST. ANDREW'S,	} Rev. SIDNEY S. BOST.
Rowan County,	St George's,	
Rowan County,	St. Jude's,	
Rowan County,	St. Matthew's,	
Rowan County.	ST. MARY'S,	Rev. F. J. MURDOCH, D. D.
	*James H. McKenzie.	
	W. T. Sumner.	
	John Owens.	
	A. L. Harris.	
Salisbury,	ST. LUKE'S,	{ Rev. F. J. MURDOCH, D. D. Rev. R. B. OWENS.
	John S. Henderson.	
	S. F. Lord.	
	A. H. Boyden.	
	W. W. McKenzie, M. D.	
Salisbury,	ST. PAUL'S,	Rev. R. BRUCE OWENS.
	P. H. Henley.	C. A. McKithen.
	F. M. Tarrh.	S. R. Harrison.
	D. A. Thompson.	Wm. Howard.
	J. W. File.	
Salisbury,	St. John's,	{ Rev. F. J. MURDOCH, D. D. Rev R. B. OWENS.
Salisbury,	St. Peter's,	
Sanford,	St. Thomas,	Rev. CHARLES T. BLAND.
Scotland Neck,	TRINITY,	Rev. W. J. SMITH.
	*J. Y. Savage.	I. H. Smith.
	J. S. Paull.	Gideon Lamb.
	A. L. Purrington.	*P. E. Smith.
	W. R. Wood, M. D.	R. H. Smith.
Smithfield,	Mission,	Rev. JAMES A. WESTON.
Southern Pines,	Emmanuel Mission,	Rev. HENRY T. GREGORY.
Statesville,	†Trinity,	Rev. JOHN H. GRIFFITH, Jr.
Stovall,	St. Peter's,	Rev. JAMES A. WESTON.
Tarboro,	CALVARY.	
	*S. S. Nash.	H. H. Shaw.
	Fred. Philips.	T. E. Lewis.
	*C. F. Clayton.	Henry Johnston.
	M. A. Curtis.	J. A. Weddell.
Tarboro,	ST. LUKE'S (col.),	Rev. JOHN W. PERRY.
	Thomas Newton.	D. W. Harris.
	*E. E. Bryant.	Levi Thigpen.
	*F. B. Bellamy.	Willie Hart.
	N. B. Brown.	Nathan Thigpen.

Wadesboro,	CALVARY, J. A. Little. W. L. Marshall. *Joseph I. Dunlop.	Rev. CHARLES FETTER. T. A. Marshall. W. L. Steele. A. W. Fetter.
Walnut Cove,	† <i>Christ Church</i> ,	Rev. JAMES H. WILLIAMS.
Warren County,	St. Luke's (col.),	Rev. WILLIAM WALKER.
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Warrenton,	EMMANUEL, F. P. Hunter. W. J. White. W. G. Rogers.	Rev. B. S. BRONSON. W. G. Plummer. J. A. Goodwyn. W. K. Barham.
Weldon,	GRACE.	
Williamsboro,	ST. JOHN'S, Wm. T. Hardy. Nat. D. Boyd. *Richard H. Royster. Walter B. Thomas.	Rev. W. S. PETTIGREW.
Wilson,	St. Mark's (col.),	Rev. JOHN W. PERRY.
Wilson,	ST. TIMOTHY'S, *J. B. Stickney. H. G. Connor. J. K. Ruffin. T. C. Davis.	Rev. F. CECIL BAYLISS.
Winston,	ST. PAUL'S, J. C. Buxton. E. C. Edmunds. A. M. Coleman. H. D. Law.	Rev. JOHN F. GEORGE. R. E. Lassiter. J. S. Archbell. J. W. Schouler. J. E. Coles.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

The Eighty-first Annual Convention of the Diocese of North Carolina assembled in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, on Wednesday, the 12th day of May, A. D. 1897.

Morning prayer having been said by the Rev. Charles Fetter and the Rev. James F. Plummer at 9 o'clock, the Convention was called to order at 10 o'clock by the Bishop of the Diocese.

The roll was called by the Secretary and there were found present twenty-four of the Clergy and delegates from fourteen Parishes, whereupon the Bishop declared the Convention duly organized, and, on motion, a recess was taken for Divine Service.

At 11 o'clock the Litany was said by the Rev. Charles Fetter, and the Bishop celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Charles T. Bland. The sermon was preached by the Rev. James B. Avirett, from the text, Isaiah xxi, 11: "The burden of Dumah. He calleth to me out of Seir: Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?"

The offerings of the congregation were received for the New York Bible and Common Prayer-Book Society.

At the conclusion of Divine Service the Bishop took the chair and called the Convention to order.

The Rev. F. J. Murdoch, D.D., nominated as President of the Convention the Rev. M. M. Marshall, D.D. There being no other nomination, the Secretary was, on motion, directed to cast the vote of the Convention for Dr. Marshall, and he was declared elected.

Mr. R. H. Battle nominated as Secretary the Rev. Julian E. Ingle. There being no other nomination, the ballot was, on motion, dispensed with, and he was declared elected.

The Secretary announced the appointment of Mr. G. C. Lamb as Assistant Secretary.

On motion of Mr. R. H. Battle, it was

Resolved, That the daily sessions of the Convention begin with Morning Prayer at 9:30 o'clock and continue until 6:30 P. M., with a recess from 1:30 to 4 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. James H. McKenzie, it was

Resolved, That Clergymen of the Diocese not being members of this Convention, visiting Clergymen, and Candidates for Orders, present in the house, be and they are hereby invited to honorary seats in the Convention.

On motion, a recess was taken until 4 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, May 12, 4 P. M.

The Convention reassembled.

The Bishop announced the appointment of the Regular Committees as follows:

On Canons:

The Rev. F. J. Murdoch, D.D.
The Rev. Edwin A. Osborne.
The Rev. A. B. Hunter.

Mr. Richard H. Battle.
Mr. Henry A. London.

On Finance:

The Rev. Junius M. Horner.
The Rev. B. S. McKenzie.

Mr. Charles G. Latta.
Mr. Kemp P. Battle.
Mr. Frank P. Haywood, Jr.

On the State of the Church:

The Rev. Walter J. Smith.
The Rev. Charles L. Hoffman.
The Rev. Henry B. Delany.

Mr. Joseph B. Batchelor.
Mr. James H. McKenzie.

On Elections:

The Rev. Charles Fetter.
The Rev. Horace W. Jones.

Mr. Charles Baskerville.
Mr. Peter E. Smith.
Mr. E. E. Bryant.

On New Parishes:

The Rev. Charles T. Bland.
The Rev. Sidney S. Bost.

Mr. Edward B. Muse.
Mr. Richard H. Royster.
Mr. Joseph I. Dunlop.

On Unfinished Business:

The Rev. William Walker.
The Rev. F. A. Fetter.

Mr. W. J. Cleary.
Mr. W. B. Grimes.
Mr. William Woolcott.

The Rev. Dr. Murdoch presented the following report:

The Committee appointed by the last Convention to acquire land and buildings for a Diocesan School for girls, after several meetings, thought it best to procure a charter from the State Legislature for the Trustees of St. Mary's School, which corporation has since taken entire charge of the matter: they, therefore, ask to be discharged.

The report was, on motion, adopted and the committee discharged.

The Rev. Dr. Marshall presented the following

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee met on the 21st day of July, 1896. and was organized by the election of the Rev. M. M. Marshall, D.D., as President, and the Rev. Bennett Smedes, D.D., as Secretary.

At this meeting Mr. Royal G. Shannonhouse was recommended to be received as a candidate for Holy Orders

At a meeting of the Committee, held at the request of the Bishop, on October 9, 1896. the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted. to-wit:

"WHEREAS, In the opinion both of the Bishop and of the Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd it is impracticable to develop and carry out a Cathedral for this Diocese, as for other causes, so especially because the efforts of the Churchmen of North Carolina should be concentrated upon the permanent establishment of St. Mary's School; therefore

"Resolved, That, in the judgment of the Standing Committee, acting under the sanction of the resolution adopted by the Convention of May, 1896, the action of the Bishop and the Convention of 1895. in accepting the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, as the Cathedral of the Diocese. should be rescinded, and by the authority reposed in the Bishop and Standing Committee, said action is hereby rescinded. The Bishop assents to and joins in the above action."

At a meeting held on October 19th, 1896, the Committee gave its consent to the election of the Rt. Rev. William David Walker, S. T. D., LL. D., Bishop of North Dakota, to the Bishopric of Western New York.

At a meeting held on the 9th day of November, 1896, the Committee gave its consent to the consecration of the Rev. James Dow Morrison, D.D., LL. D., Bishop-elect of the Missionary Jurisdiction of Duluth.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

M. M. MARSHALL.

President.

The Rev. Junius M. Horner presented the following

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report, that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find the same correct. The securities specified in his report are in his possession, and are kept securely in the Citizens National Bank, of Raleigh.

Respectfully submitted,

JUNIUS M. HORNER,

Chairman.

Mr. Richard H. Battle presented the following

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE DIOCESE.

The Trustees to hold Property for the Diocese of North Carolina respectfully report:

1. That the following deeds of conveyance have been handed to them since the last annual Convention:

(1). Deed to the Trustees of the Diocese from Frank Valentine and wife, for about $1\frac{3}{4}$ acres of land in Henderson County, adjoining lands of Rev. R. Wainwright and others, dated September 5th, 1887, and registered in Henderson County, in Book 23, page 274. This deed was found by Rev. A. H. Stubbs, in Shoenberger Hall, and forwarded to the Trustees in October, 1896.

(2). Deed to the Trustees from Rev. F. J. Murdock, D.D., and wife, for a lot 60 by 67 feet in the city of Salisbury, adjoining lands of Salisbury Cotton Mill, expressed to be for purpose of building a church to be known as St. Paul's Church, as a memorial of Robert Murdock and Rollo Murdock, deceased brothers of the grantor, Dr. Murdock, dated February 14th, 1894, and registered in Rowan County, in Book 79, page 102.

(3). Deed from Samuel L. Blythe and others, to Heriot Clarkson, for about $1\frac{1}{4}$ acres in Mecklenburg County, adjoining the lands of R. D. Whitley, St. Mark's Church, and others, dated December 14th, 1896, and registered in said county, in Book 116, page 143.

(4). Deed to the Trustees of the Diocese from R. D. Whitley and wife, and Heriot Clarkson and wife, for the same land and two acres adjoining, making $3\frac{1}{4}$ acres in all, dated December 14th, 1896, and registered in Mecklenburg County, in Book 116, page 134.

(5). A contract by the Piedmont Land and Manufacturing Company with the Trustees of the Diocese, to convey lots Nos. 23 and 24, of Block 17, as per map of said Company, at Mayodan, Rockingham County, conditioned upon the building and completion of a church thereon within eighteen months from the date of said contract, to-wit, February 12th, 1897; *unregistered*.

2. That the Trustees are advised that the demand for real estate in Winston is not now sufficient to justify a sale of the lots devised to them by the late Bishop Lyman, for the Permanent Episcopal Fund, and that the Treasurer has thus far received as rent from said lots hardly more than enough to pay the taxes and insurance on the property.

For a statement of the several funds under the control of the Trustees, they refer to the report of the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted.

JOS. BLOUNT CHESHIRE, JR.,

CHAS. E. JOHNSON,

R. H. BATTLE.

Raleigh, May 12, 1897.

Trustees &c.

The report was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Rev. E. A. Osborne presented an application from the Organized Mission of All Souls, Ansonville, for admission into union with the Convention, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on New Parishes.

Mr. Charles E. Johnson presented his report as Treasurer of the Diocese. (See Appendix C.)

On motion of Mr. Johnson, the following preamble and resolution were referred to the Committee on Finance:

WHEREAS, The Bishop of North Carolina is now exercising Episcopal supervision over the Jurisdiction of Asheville, and will doubtless continue to do so for some time to come; therefore,

Resolved, That the Jurisdiction of Asheville be asked to contribute to the Bishop's salary such sum as may seem just and proper.

Mr. Kemp P. Battle presented the following reports:

The undersigned regret to be compelled to report that they have been unable to sell the Mary R. Smith land under their charge, for want of buyers.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MANNING,
KEMP P. BATTLE.

The undersigned regrets to report that he has been unable to wind up the estate of Miss Mary R. Smith, because he could not force the collection of the balance due the estate (about \$1,200 owing by four debtors), without sale of the mortgaged premises. The interest payable is eight per cent, and it is expected that no loss will occur as the interest is kept down. It is hoped to collect these debts and close the accounts during the coming fall.

Respectfully submitted,

KEMP P. BATTLE.

On motion, the Committee was continued.

Mr. John Wilkes nominated as Treasurer of the Diocese Mr. Charles E. Johnson. There was no other nomination, and the Secretary being, on motion, directed to cast the ballot of the Convention, he was declared elected.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Murdoch, it was

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to report to this Convention a plan to organize and govern the Church School for boys at Salisbury.

The Bishop appointed as members of the committee the Rev. F. W. Hilliard, the Rev. R. B. Owens, the Rev. H. Hobart Barber, Mr. Wm. A. Smith and Mr. John Wilkes.

Mr. R. H. Battle offered the following resolution, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Canons:

Resolved, That Article IX, Sec. 3 of the Constitution be amended by striking out the first four lines of said section and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

Sec. 3. In all Parochial elections none shall be entitled to vote but members of the Parish of the age of twenty-one years, who shall have subscribed a declaration in the following words, viz.:

And that the second *proviso* be stricken out.

On motion of the Rev. Charles L. Hoffmann, the following resolution was referred to the Committee on Canons:

Resolved. That Chapter III, Canon II, Section 1, be amended by striking out the words *Easter Monday, unless some other day*, and inserting in lieu thereof the words *the first Monday in Advent, unless some other day in that same week*

Several applications for a reduction of the assessment laid upon Parishes and Missions were, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of the Rev. E. A. Osborne, the following resolution was referred to the Committee on Canons:

Resolved, That Chapter I, Canon XII, Section 1, be amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 1. The salary of the Bishop of the Diocese is hereby fixed, as heretofore, at two thousand five hundred dollars per annum; and the salaries of the Clergy shall be fixed by the Convention, and that the same be paid by the Treasurer out of the funds in his hands for that purpose.

The Rev. William Walker presented the following

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report the following business of the last Convention requiring the attention of this Convention:

1. The ratification of the action of the Convention of 1895 amending Article III, Section 3 of the Constitution.
2. A report from the Committee on Canons on a system of making and preserving Parish records.
3. A report from the Committee on Provincial Organization.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM WALKER,
Chairman.

On motion of the Rev. B. S. McKenzie, the following resolution was referred to the Committee on Canons:

Resolved. That no memorial shall be placed in any church in the Diocese without the consent of the Rector and Vestry thereof, and being so placed, may not be removed or changed without their consent.

The Rev. Dr. Smedes extended to the members of the Convention, and visitors attending upon its sessions, an invitation to visit St. Mary's School on Thursday evening from 5 until 8 o'clock.

On motion of the Rev. James B. Avirett, the invitation was accepted with thanks.

The Rev. Charles T. Bland presented the following

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NEW PARISHES.

The Committee on New Parishes to whom was referred the application of the Mission of All Souls, Ansonville, for admission into union with the Convention, having considered the same, beg leave to offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Organized Mission of All Souls, Ansonville, be admitted into union with the Convention of the Diocese of North Carolina.

CHARLES T. BLAND,
Chairman.

Mr. Wm. A. Smith, the delegate from the Mission, appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Wm. A. Smith presented the following

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE THOMPSON
ORPHANAGE AND TRAINING INSTITUTION.

The Board of Managers of the Thompson Orphanage and Training Institution respectfully report :

It is with pleasurable emotions of love and gratitude to Christ and His Church that we are again enabled to submit a report, showing the increased interest in this great work for the orphans, as manifested by donations sufficient to make them reasonably comfortable.

We are glad to call attention to the fact of largely increased offerings made by the churches. About one-half of all the churches in the State contributing \$1,340. (What is the matter with the other half?)

Only 54 individual churchmen came to our help with \$562 Of this number our thanks specially are due Messrs D. Y. Cooper and Frank Wood for 71 per cent of the amount.

Forty-three churchwomen gave, individually, \$234. Of these we are particularly grateful to Mesdames Lardner, Baruch and Liddell—all from the beautiful Queen City of the South.

The guilds and other organized societies are largely depended upon for current expenses, and among the thirty contributing we would commend the zeal of St. Agnes Guild of Christ Church, in the stately City of Oaks, with its contribution exceeding ten dollars each calendar month, followed by the Thompson Orphanage Guild, of Tarboro; St. Timothy's Guild, also of Christ Church, Raleigh; and the Daughters of the King, of St. Luke's, Salisbury.

Eleven Sunday Schools gave \$46.94, and children's gifts reported \$59.21; total, \$105.15; showing the deep, all-pervading interest of the little ones, by their savings and by their self denials, known only to God and His Christ.

We cannot omit mention of the faithful friend of the Orphange, Miss Boyd, of Charlotte, whose devoted labor has resulted in nearly \$100 this year; nor the constant, though unknown, collector in Lincoln. Who will join these two faithful ones and lend her aid in this service of love?

The voluntary labors of the Rev. B. S. Bronson in behalf of the Orphanage have done much good and are highly appreciated by the Board, and we are hopeful and confident they will result in rich fruition.

Among other things, we note with gratification the improvement of the dormitories, by the addition of neat little iron bedsteads, that look so cosy and inviting.

Memories of the past sometimes cheer and gladden and animate us to efforts of further achievement. We thank God and take courage. We remember, in the beginning of this work ten years ago in this very Temple of God, the trepidation of loyal churchmen as to our ability to sustain this work. Those fears have vanished, and year after year demonstrates the wisdom of the undertaking.

The thing that it was thought could not be done was done, because there was a man to do it.

We attribute our success, under God, to the most fortunate selection of a Superintendent. His leadership has been pure, skillful, energetic, superb—ever watchful and prompt and faithful. The years of his loving, arduous, unselfish and oftentimes harassing labors for the orphans committed to his care, cannot count for nothing—"Fruition is as inevitable as fate." The orphans are no longer fatherless; his kind words are telegraphic messages to the hearts of these children, whose cheeks flush and eyes brighten with joy in his presence.

His administration is cordially supported by the matrons and teachers, and has the full, perfect and entire confidence of the Board and the Church. Do not withhold from him the gifts asked, and so much needed, which are set out in detail in his report to the Board of Managers, subjoined as a part of this report for the purpose of fuller information.

For permanent realty improvement \$2,000 is required. The sympathy of the Church goes out to the orphans, and who will express that sympathy, and be the happy contributor to their comfort and well being, by erecting the much needed buildings, and thereby

Rescue His name from oblivion by the drifting sands of time,
And commemorate it in stone for the orphans of His clime?

The more thoughtfully the devoted churchman contemplates the design and understands the scope of this institution, the more worthy will he find it to be entitled to his confidence and his alms.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. SMITH,
For Board of Managers.

THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE REV. E. A. OSBORNE, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE THOMPSON ORPHANAGE AND TRAINING INSTITUTION.

To the Board of Managers:

With a deep sense of gratitude to Almighty God for what he has been pleased to accomplish, through our humble instrumentality, in this great work, and of our entire dependence upon His merciful Providence for all that has been or can be done, I respectfully submit this my Eleventh Annual Report.

The health of all connected with the Institution has generally been good, and we have been well supplied with food and raiment during the year. Our present number of children is 52. We have received seventeen children during the year, and discharged nineteen.

To the faithful and efficient services of our two matrons, Miss Mackay and Miss Capehart, of our teacher Miss Jarman, foreman Mr. Jamison, and the cheerful and conscientious obedience and diligence of the larger girls and boys, we are indebted for very decided improvement in the moral and intellectual tone of the children, as well as success in the various departments of work in the Institution.

Services are held almost daily in our beautiful Memorial Chapel of St. Mary the Virgin, in which the children take much interest, and there are many gratifying evidences that the divine blessing attends the means of grace as used in this Institution.

I submit an itemized statement of receipts and disbursements, from which it will be seen that we have had sufficient to supply our daily wants and to build the much needed cottage for our foreman, which has been a very great help to the work here, but we greatly need a larger income in order to do the work we have on hand, to-wit:

We need \$200 additional yearly for employing a teacher for the primary department of our school, and \$100 yearly to increase the efficiency of the senior department. We also need \$200 a year for a teacher in the industrial department for girls, where we now have no regular teacher, making \$500 a year more than we now have. It is plain to every one that these are urgent wants, which will require systematic contribution to supply, or else an endowment fund.

We also need a building for industrial purposes for boys and girls. This would cost some \$800 or \$1,000, including furniture.

We are also much in need of an addition to Bronson Hall, for a laundry, dining-room and storage room. This will cost some \$600.

We hope to have the long needed infirmary apartment built to Thompson Hall this summer, with funds from the Thompson Orphanage Guild of Charlotte, and some funds on hand from other sources. We have been greatly helped by regular contributions from Parish Guilds throughout the State, and from several branches of the Woman's Auxiliary. Our existence depends upon the continual aid of these associa-

tions, for which we earnestly plead. Much as we need buildings and endowments, we need even more, funds for meeting current expenses, and nothing should be allowed to interfere with these regular and systematic contributions for daily expenses.

Our unbounded gratitude is due and hereby tendered the many friends who have stood by the work during the trying year that is past, encouraging and aiding with self-denying gifts and cheering words; and in this connection we would mention the various Guilds, a number of Sunday Schools, and the Woman's Auxiliary throughout the State, as well as the many individuals who have contributed of their means to our support.

Dr. Petree, our physician, has been most faithful in attending our sick upon all occasions, while Drs. George Graham, H. A. Wakefield, Charles Alexander and M. A. Bland & Son have cheerfully responded to many calls we have had to make on them in their lines of practice. We are also greatly indebted to the various Railroad companies, the Express company, and to the newspapers throughout the State for many courtesies and favors, and to the merchants and citizens of Charlotte for innumerable kindnesses and assistance.

Among the contributions received the past year is one that seems to claim special mention, namely: A legacy left us by the will of the late Vincent G. Ott, of Charlotte, who gave his entire estate to the Institution, after paying his debts. The estate consisted of a house and lot on the corner of 6th and Myers street in Charlotte, also two vacant lots adjoining the same. As there were considerable debts against the estate, it has been necessary to sell the vacant lots, which, with the personal effects, it is hoped will pay the debts, so that the house and lot may be left for the Institution, which will yield an income of about \$100 a year

To sum up the work of the Orphanage since it was opened on the tenth of May, 1887: One hundred and sixty-nine children have been received. A comparatively small proportion of these children have remained with us during the full time allowed, many having returned to their friends whose circumstances permitted them to receive them. Others have been placed in homes in different parts of the country, where they are being brought up as members of the families in which they are placed, while a few have left without permission. Most of those placed in families are in the country, with plain but respectable people, who train them to work for their living according to their station of life—the boys to do farm work, and the girls house work.

One of our girls who worked in this way has married a young man in the country, and they now have a home and support themselves on a little farm. Another married a young merchant who has a comfortable home in Florida; another married in South Carolina, and still another in Charlotte, while one makes a respectable living in Charlotte as a typewriter and stenographer. One works at the same business in

Washington City, and one in Norfolk, Va. One of our boys, now grown, works at the laundry business and helps to support a delicate mother, and several younger members of the family. Two young women, trained in the Orphanage, are helps in families, where they earn wages and are respected for their industry and integrity of character. We mention these facts to show that the practical results of our efforts are being realized in the lives of those who have been committed to our care. Other instances could be mentioned, if time and space would permit. Of course there have been some apparent failures, as there are, alas, in many families; but perhaps the number is not greater in proportion than in the average families of the State, where the children have had even better advantages. So that upon the whole, the results are encouraging, and have more than repaid all the labor and sacrifice that have been bestowed upon this work.

I append herewith a statement of receipts and disbursements, submitted with my books and vouchers, as a part of this report.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1897.

Balance from last year	\$1,026 21
Contributions during the year	3,309 96
Rents	141 96
Farm products sold	488 54
Farm products consumed in Orphanage	500 00
<i>Messenger of Hope</i>	417 34
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	\$ 5,883 95

DISBURSEMENTS.

Current expenses	\$ 3,002 27
Farm, including \$300 for foreman	607 52
Foreman's cottage built	400 00
<i>Messenger of Hope</i>	415 45
Farm products consumed	500 00
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	\$ 4,925 24
Balance on hand	\$ 958 71
Of this balance, is for building and other special objects	250 00
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Leaving only for current expenses	\$ 708 71

The following is a statement of the work done by the Rev. B. S. Bronson during the past year: Collected in Charlotte: D. A. Thompkins, \$5; E. A. Smith, to be paid in ten monthly instalments, \$50; Dr. S. B. Jones, \$5; H. C. Eccles, \$5; F. B. Ferris, \$1; Capt. S. J. Brown, \$5; S. Wittkowsky, \$25. St. Luke's, Salisbury, \$17.16; R. R. Laxton and wife, Morganton, \$20; Alexander Green, Wilson, to be paid in ten annual instalments, \$50, Hon. H. G. Connor, to be paid in ten semi-annual pay-

ments of \$25 a year, \$250; P. Simpson, to be paid in five annual payments of \$40, \$200; St. Matthew's, Hillsboro, \$6.80; St. Paul's, Winston, \$6; Holy Innocents, Henderson, \$18.75; Good Shepherd, Rocky Mount, \$22; St. Stephen's, Oxford, \$5; Calvary, Tarboro \$25; St. Athanasius, Burlington, \$16.60. Collected in Raleigh, \$10; Wilmington, \$25; Elizabeth City, \$28.25; Edenton, \$66; Plymouth, \$5; Washington, \$13.75; Fayetteville, \$38; Goldsboro, \$6; Rocky Mount, \$7 50; Scotland Neck, \$11; Miss Minerva Pittman, \$25; St. Philip's, Durham, \$130.75; D. Y. Cooper, \$200; Duncan MacRae, \$25; a friend in Edenton, \$150; a friend in Raleigh, \$10 Total, \$1,599.51.

The Rev. Mr. Bronson asks to be allowed his travelling expenses, which amount to \$36.34, and for six months' time spent in canvassing for the work, \$300.

The funds included in the above statement have been accounted for in the report of contributions for the current year.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. OSBORNE,
Superintendent.

On motion of Mr. Wm. L. London, the consideration of the report was made the Order of the Day for Thursday at 12 o'clock.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Murdoch, the ratification of the amendment of the Constitution, postponed by the last Convention, was made the Order of the Day for 10 o'clock on Thursday morning, the vote to be taken at 10:30 o'clock.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet at 9:30 o'clock on Thursday morning.

SECOND DAY.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, RALEIGH,
THURSDAY, May 13, 1897.

The Convention met at 9:30 o'clock.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Charles Fetter and the Rev. Junius M. Horner.

The chair was taken by the President who called the Convention to order.

The calling of the roll was, on motion, dispensed with. The minutes of the proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

The Order of the Day being the amendment of Article III, Section 3 of the Constitution, as adopted by the Convention of 1895, striking out the word *twelve* and inserting in lieu thereof the word *six*, Mr. R. H. Battle moved its ratification. The time appointed for the vote having arrived, it was, on motion, determined to postpone the same, and the Bishop proceeded to read his Annual Address. (See Appendix A.)

On motion of the Rev. James B. Avirett, the address was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Bishop took the chair.

On motion of the Rev. B. S. Bronson, the Bishop appointed a committee to confer with a similar committee from the Jurisdiction of Asheville in regard to the propriety of transferring to the Trustees of that Jurisdiction the whole of the Ravenscroft property. The Bishop appointed as members of that committee the Rev. I. McK. Pittenger, D.D., the Rev. B. S. Bronson, Mr. R. H. Battle, Mr. Charles M. Busbee and Mr. J. B. Batchelor.

The Rev. Junius M. Horner, in behalf of the Committee on Finance, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the resolution of Mr. Johnson be referred to the Committee on the Transfer of the Ravenscroft Property to the Jurisdiction of Asheville.

The resolution was adopted.

The consideration of the proposed amendment of the Constitution having been resumed, a vote by orders upon its ratification resulted as follows: Clergy—Ayes 21, Noes 9. Parishes—Ayes 16, Noes 3.

Clergy voting in the affirmative: The Rt. Rev. the Bishop, the Rev. Messrs. Alston, Bailey, Barber, C. Fetter, F. A. Fetter, George, Hilliard, Horner, Hunter, Ingle Jones, King, McKenzie, Miller, Perry, Picard, Pittenger, Plummer, Pruden, Walker—21.

Clergy voting in the negative: The Rev. Messrs. Avirett, Bost, Bronson, Marshall, Murdoch, Osborne, Owens, Phelps, Smedes—9.

Parishes voting in the affirmative: Chapel Hill, Chapel of the Cross; Durham, St. Philip's; Greensboro, St. Andrews; Greensboro, St. Barna-

bas; Henderson, Holy Innocents; Hillsboro, St. Matthew's; Kittrell, St. James; Oxford, St. Stephen's; Raleigh, Christ Church; Raleigh, Good Shepherd; Raleigh, St. Ambrose; Rocky Mount, Good Shepherd; Tarboro, Calvary; Tarboro, St. Luke's; Wadesboro, Calvary. Williamsboro, St. John's—16.

Parishes voting in the negative: Charlotte, St. Peter's; Pittsboro, St. Bartholomew's (Mr. Haughton voting in the affirmative); Wilson, St. Timothy's—3.

And so the amendment was declared to have been ratified.

On motion of Mr. S. S. Nash, Mr. Thomas W. Patton, of Asheville, was invited to a seat in the Convention.

The Rev. A. B. Hunter presented the report of the Principal of St. Augustine's School, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. (See Appendix B.)

The Rev. Dr. Murdoch presented the following

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CANONS.

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the amendment of Chapter III, Canon II, proposed by the Rev. Mr. Hoffman, have considered the same and offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That Chapter III, Canon II, Section 1, be amended as follows: Strike out the first paragraph and insert in lieu thereof the words: "Upon the first Monday in Advent, unless some other day in the same week has been specified by the Vestry, each Parish shall annually elect, from among the baptized members of the Parish in good moral standing, a Vestry of not less than three nor more than twelve persons: *Provided*, that the Vestries so elected in Advent 1897, shall serve from Easter Monday 1898, until Advent 1898."

Pending the discussion of the report, the time arrived for the Order of the Day, which was the consideration of the Report of the Managers of the Thompson Orphanage, and the Convention, on motion of Mr. W. L. London, went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. J. B. Stickney in the Chair.

The Committee rose and reported through the Chairman the following resolutions, which, on motion of Mr. S. S. Nash, were adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Managers of the Thompson Orphanage be recommended to secure the services of a canvasser, to arouse interest

in the Orphanage and to endeavor to raise a fund for permanent improvements, and that his expenses be paid out of the funds so raised.

Resolved, That the Rectors and Ministers in charge of congregations in this Diocese. be requested to organize guilds (where they have not heretofore been organized) for the purpose of raising the necessary funds for carrying on the work of the Thompson Orphanage as now organized.

Resolved further. That the Woman's Auxiliary and Junior Auxiliary be requested to continue their efforts for the same purpose.

Dr. R. H. Lewis presented the following report which, on his motion, was made the special Order of the Day for 8:30 o'clock this evening in Committee of the Whole:

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF ST MARY'S SCHOOL TO THE
CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The Board of Trustees of St. Mary's School hereby respectfully report :

That by an Act of the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina. ratified March 2, 1897, Jos. Blount Cheshire, Jr., Alfred A. Watson, Francis J. Murdoch, Julian E. Ingle, Charles E. Johnson, William A. Erwin, Robert Strange, Wharton J. Green, McNeely DuBose and Theodore F. Davidson. their associates and successors, were constituted a body politic and corporate, under the name of "Trustees of St. Mary's School," with power to increase their number so that the total shall not exceed sixteen, exclusive of *ex officio* members, and were granted all powers usually granted to school corporations, and amply sufficient for the purposes of St. Mary's School.

It is provided in the Act of Incorporation that all Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church, exercising canonical jurisdiction within the State of North Carolina, shall be *ex officio* members of this Board of Trustees, and that in filling vacancies, the member elected shall always be chosen by that ecclesiastical division of the State to which the retiring member had belonged. It is not thought necessary to include in this report the other provisions of the act.

Immediately upon the ratification of the act of incorporation, a meeting of the incorporators was called at the Bishop's house in Raleigh, at which all of [the incorporators were] present, except the last named. Upon motion of the Clerical Trustee from Wilmington, seconded by the Clerical Trustee from Asheville, it was determined that of the sixteen members of the board allowed by the act of incorporation, eight should be from the Diocese of North Carolina, four from the Diocese of East Carolina, and four from the Jurisdiction of Asheville. The board thereupon proceeded to fill up their number by the election of Rev. Thomas M. N. George and Col. John W. Atkinson of East Carolina; the Rev.

Churchill Satterlee and Mr. Silas McBee of Asheville; and the Rev. Junius M. Horner, Dr. Richard H. Lewis, Mr. Lawrence S. Holt, and Mr. David Y. Cooper of North Carolina. The organization was completed by the election of the Bishop of North Carolina President of the Board, and Mr. Charles Root Secretary and Treasurer.

It being the desire of the Rev. Dr. Smedes to be relieved of the sole responsibility of the school, the Board of Trustees, after full conference with him, have made satisfactory arrangements by which the school will be carried on for the year 1897-'98, with Dr. Smedes as Rector.

One or two points in this agreement are, however, of vital importance, and will prove, we trust, of very great interest to the church people of North Carolina and the public at large. In the first place, it is agreed that the charges for tuition, board, etc., shall be so reduced that all the benefits of the school, exclusive of instruction in those branches commonly denominated "extras," shall be available for boarding pupils at a price of two hundred dollars for the school year, and that instruction upon the piano may be added to the above for an additional charge of forty dollars. It is further agreed that all Clergymen of the Ecclesiastical bodies represented on the Board of Trustees, shall be entitled to the benefits of the school for their daughters free of ordinary tuition charges, paying only for board and "extras."

It should further be mentioned that with some limitations the Board of Trustees has felt authorized, by the very deep interest expressed by our people in St. Mary's School, to guarantee to Dr. Smedes, in consideration of the foregoing very considerable reduction in the charges, a certain patronage for the school during the year 1897-'98, and they most earnestly call upon the clergy and people of North Carolina to redeem this pledge, and to send their daughters to this most admirable school.

The Board further determined that not less than one hundred thousand dollars should be raised to provide a site and buildings for the school, and to provide an endowment for the purpose of extending the benefits of the school to those unable to defray expenses, even at the reduced rate. In endeavoring to carry out this purpose, they requested Bishop Cheshire to devote some weeks this spring to a canvass of the State in the interest of St. Mary's School. The Bishop has reported in his address his work in this canvass. He found many evidences of a deep interest on the part of the people in every section of the State in the success of our enterprise. He had some success in his efforts to interest the women in raising an endowment, and the Treasurer has in his possession a number of bonds, and some cash payments on this endowment fund, amounting to about four thousand dollars. He found, however, that it was not advisable to ask for subscriptions or gifts for the purchase of property for the school, since he was unable to state definitely what the trustees proposed to do. They had been engaged in

negotiations with the owners of the property at present occupied, and they had also had under consideration various other sites, and, indeed, had secured a very favorable option upon a most desirable tract of land, which they had practically decided to take in case the negotiations above mentioned should fail. We are happy to say, however, that we have at last come to an agreement whereby we are to take the twenty-five acres known as the St. Mary's tract, at the price of \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars), of which ten thousand dollars is to be paid in cash when the sale shall have been confirmed by the court.

The Trustees of St. Mary's School, in view of all the foregoing facts, request the Convention of the Diocese of North Carolina to adopt the following resolutions :

Resolved 1. That the Convention of the Diocese of North Carolina hereby approves the Act of Incorporation of the Trustees of St. Mary's School, and accepts the trustees named in that Act, and elected in pursuance thereof, on the part of this Diocese, as the representatives of the Convention in that capacity.

Resolved 2. That this Convention does hereby approve the action of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees in purchasing the school property as set forth in the foregoing report.

Resolved 3. That the fund in the hands of the Treasurer, known as the "Fund for the Education of Children of Deceased Clergymen," be increased to three thousand dollars from the Mary Ruffin Smith fund, and that said fund, so augmented, be put at the disposal of the Trustees of St. Mary's School, upon condition that they shall establish in the school a scholarship to be known as the Mary E. Chapeau scholarship for the free education of a daughter of a deceased clergyman of the Diocese of North Carolina, the nomination to be in the hands of the Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina.

Resolved 4. That the remaining portion of the Mary Ruffin Smith fund be placed at the disposal of the Trustees of St. Mary's School, and that, in consideration of the use of this fund, they shall establish one free scholarship in said school for residents of the Diocese of North Carolina for each three thousand dollars received from said fund, to be called the "Mary Ruffin Smith Scholarships." The nominations of the said scholarships to be in the hands of the Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina.

R. H. LEWIS,

For the Board of Trustees.

The Rev. Dr. Murdoch, from the Committee on Provincial Organization, presented the following report:

The Committee appointed by the last Convention to consider and report on a plan for a Provincial Organization of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdictions within the State of North Carolina, beg leave to report that at

a meeting held at Salisbury they agreed upon such a plan, and offer the following resolution: ✓

Resolved, That the following Constitution of the Province of North Carolina be adopted by the Convention of the Diocese of North Carolina:

CONSTITUTION OF THE PROVINCE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

SECTION 1. The Dioceses and Missionary District in the State of North Carolina hereby associate themselves as a Province, to be called the Province of North Carolina, and establish a Federate Council as permitted by Title III, Canon 8, of the General Convention.

SEC. 2. Each Diocese and Missionary District, by its Convention or Council or Convocation, shall appoint annually ten deputies, five of whom shall be clergymen and five laymen, who, together with the Bishops in the Province, shall constitute the Council. Twelve members shall constitute a quorum, provided that each Diocese and Missionary District be represented in said quorum by deputies of each order.

SEC. 3. The Federate Council shall hold its first meeting in Salisbury on St. Simon's and St. Jude's Day, October 23, 1897, and afterward once at least in each year, on such day and at such place as the Council shall determine.

SEC. 4. In the Council, on demand of any three members, the vote shall be taken by Orders, and a concurrence of the three orders shall be necessary to constitute a vote.

SEC. 5. The presiding officer of the Council shall be the Senior Bishop of the Province present.

SEC. 6. The Council may exercise all powers not in conflict with the Constitution or Canons of the General Convention, or with the Constitution of either of the Dioceses or Missionary Districts of the Province.

SEC. 7. All alterations in this Constitution shall be proposed by the Council of the Province, confirmed by the Convention or Council of each Diocese and the Convocation of each Missionary District, and ratified by the ensuing Provincial Council.

SEC. 8. This Constitution shall be in force in all its provisions as soon as it shall be adopted and confirmed by the Diocese of North Carolina, Diocese of East Carolina, and Missionary District of Asheville, and any Diocese or Missionary District hereafter created within the State shall be entitled to equal representation in this Council and shall be bound by its acts.

On motion, the report was made the Order of the Day for 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The Rev. F. W. Hilliard offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, The members of this Convention have heard with deep sorrow of the death, during the past year, of the Rev. Joseph C. Huske, D.D., of Fayetteville, in the Diocese of East Carolina, long an honored Presbyter of the undivided Diocese of North Carolina; therefore

Resolved, That in the death of Dr. Huske the Church in North Carolina has seen transferred from earth to Paradise one of the choicest, purest, noblest, most loving and consecrated spirits ever found in the ranks of her clergy.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Convention be requested to transmit this preamble and resolution to the Secretary of the Convention of the Diocese of East Carolina, with the assurance of our profound sympathy in the loss incurred by the Church in that Diocese.

On motion, the Convention took a recess until 4 o'clock.

THURSDAY, May 13, 4 P. M.

The Convention reassembled.

The Rev. Dr. Murdoch called for the Order of the Day, being the consideration of the report of the Special Committee on a Provincial Organization for the State of North Carolina.

After some discussion, the final disposition of the report was, on motion of Mr. H. A. London, postponed until the next Convention.

At the suggestion of the Bishop, the business of the Convention was suspended in order to enable the Rev. James H. Lamb, D.D., to make an address in regard to the Clergymen's Retiring Fund Society, of which he is the Financial Secretary.

Business having been resumed, the Rev. Dr. I. McK. Pittenger presented the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address which refers to the Memorial from the Missionary Jurisdiction of Asheville, relative to the property and fund known as the Ravenscroft Associate Mission and Training School, beg leave to report as follows:

It is the unanimous opinion of the committee that the position taken by the memorialists is correct, and the committee recommend that their request be granted in accordance with the suggestion and advice of the Bishop. They therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution:

Resolved. That the Trustees of the Diocese be and they are hereby directed to transfer to the Trustees of the Missionary Jurisdiction of Asheville, all rights and titles held by them relative to the property situated in Asheville and known as the Ravenscroft Associate Mission and Training School, and the funds connected therewith.

I. McK. PITTINGER,
Chairman.

The resolution was adopted.

From the same Committee, the Rev. Dr. Pittenger presented the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution of Mr. Chas. E. Johnson, relative to the support of the Episcopate on the part of the Missionary Jurisdiction, respectfully report as follows:

The Committee are of opinion that so long as the Bishop of this Diocese, by the appointment of the Presiding Bishop, continues to preside over the Jurisdiction of Asheville, the members of that Jurisdiction must expect to contribute to his support; they, therefore, beg leave to offer the following resolution:

Resolved. That it is the sense of this Convention that so long as the Bishop of North Carolina shall continue to exercise Episcopal oversight of the Jurisdiction of Asheville, the Jurisdiction should contribute towards his support, from October 1, 1896, at the rate of five hundred dollars per annum, together with the income derived from the funds known as the Ravenscroft Fund and the Hicks Fund.

I. McK. PITTINGER,
Chairman.

The resolution was adopted.

The Rev. B. S. McKenzie moved to reconsider the vote postponing the consideration of the report of the Committee on Provincial Organization, but, on motion of Mr. Charles M. Busbee, the proposal was laid upon the table.

On motion of the Rev. Charles L. Hoffmann, the report of the Committee on Canons, in regard to a change of time for the election of vestries, was taken up.

Mr. John Wilkes moved to amend the resolution by the omission of the words *in the same week*.

The amendment was carried, and the resolution as amended was, on motion, adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Julian E. Ingle, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Canons be requested to consider the expediency of amending Article III, Section 3. of the Constitution, by adding the words *or to any clergyman incapacitated by age or infirmity for regular parochial work*.

Resolved, That the Committee on Canons be requested to consider the expediency of amending Rule of Order XIV, by adding the words: But if the vote be unanimous it shall suffice to record the number voting in each Order; and unless the vote of a Parish be equally divided, it shall suffice to record the vote of the Parish and that of any dissenting delegate.

On motion, the Convention took a recess until 8:30 o'clock, in order to visit St. Mary's School.

THURSDAY, May 13, 8:30 P. M.

The Convention met at the appointed time.

The Rev. Wm. Walker presented the following

REPORT OF THE CHURCH BUILDING COMMITTEE.

The Church Building Committee beg leave to report that the state of the Church Building Fund, as shown by the Treasurer's report, is as follows:

Balance from last year	\$ 97 92
Contributions to Fund	26 81
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	\$124 73
Less Treasurer's commissions	1 34
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Balance in hand	\$123 39

No appropriations have been made from the fund during the past year. The Committee would again urge that the Canon requiring an offering from all Parishes and congregations to this fund be complied with.

Ten Parishes and Missions contributed to the fund during the past year, and in very small sums. If the Canon were obeyed, we might have such a fund as would materially help small and struggling Missions.

WILLIAM WALKER,

For the Committee.

The Order of the Day being the consideration of the report of the Trustees of St. Mary's School, on motion, the Convention went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. Kemp P. Battle in the chair.

The Committee rose and reported, through the chairman, the resolutions appended to the report of the Trustees.

On motion of Dr. R. H. Lewis, the first resolution was adopted.

The second resolution being offered, a vote by Orders was called for and resulted as follows: Clergy—Ayes 19, Noes 0; Parishes—Ayes 15, Noes 2, Divided 1. And so the resolution was adopted.

Clergy voting Aye: The Rt. Rev. the Bishop, the Rev. Messrs. Avirett, Barber, Bost, Bronson, C. Fetter, George, Hilliard, Hoffmann, Horner, Ingle, Jones, Marshall, Murdoch, Osborne, Owens, Pittenger, Plummer and Pruden—19.

Parishes voting Aye: Burlington, St. Athanasius; Chapel Hill, Chapel of the Cross; Durham, St. Philip's; Henderson, Holy Innocents; Hillsboro, St. Matthew's; Kittrell, St. James; Oxford, St. Stephen's; Raleigh, Christ Church; Raleigh, Good Shepherd; Rocky Mount, Good Shepherd; Scotland Neck, Trinity; Tarboro, Calvary; Wadesboro, Calvary; Williamsboro, St. John's; Wilson, St. Timothy's—15.

Parishes voting No: Charlotte, St. Peter's; Greensboro, St. Andrew's—2.

Parish divided: Pittsboro (Aye, Mr. W. L. London; No, Mr. H. A. London)—1.

The third resolution was adopted.

The fourth resolution was adopted.

The Committee further reported the following preamble and resolution, which, on motion of Mr. Richard H. Battle, were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The present Rector of St. Mary's School, following the example of his sainted father, who, from the year 1842 to the day of his death in 1877, so ably and successfully conducted its affairs, has given his time, his talent and of his private means for the education of the daughters of the church—

Resolved, That the Convention of the Diocese of North Carolina, in assuming the control of St. Mary's School through a Board of Trustees, desires to express its sense of the obligation it feels to the Rev. Bennett Smedes, D. D., for the work he has so unselfishly done for the good of the Church in this and other Southern Dioceses during the last twenty years.

R. H. BATTLE.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned to meet at 9:30 o'clock on Friday morning.

THIRD DAY.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, RALEIGH,
FRIDAY, May 14, 1897.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Sidney S. Bost and the Rev. F. J. Murdoch, D. D.

The Bishop took the chair and called the Convention to order.

The calling of the roll was, on motion, dispensed with.

The minutes of Thursday were read, corrected and approved.

The Rev. J. F. George offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted :

WHEREAS. The Canons have been so altered as to change the time of the annual meeting of Parishes : therefore,

Resolved, That the question of changing the time of the meeting of the Diocesan Convention, so as to synchronize with the time of the annual meeting of the Parishes. be referred to a Special Committee, of which the Bishop shall be chairman, the same to report at the next Convention.

The Bishop appointed as members of the Special Committee, the Rev. Julian E. Ingle, the Rev. John F. George, Mr. Chas. E. Johnson and Mr. G. C. Lamb.

Mr. Wm. A. Smith, from the Committee on the Church School for Boys at Salisbury, presented the following report:

Examination shows a valuable property, the title to which is in a Trustee, and on this property there is a mortgage debt of \$3,000.

Your Committee think it advisable to have the title transferred to the Trustees of the Diocese, a body corporate, under the laws of the State, to hold title to the property of the Church. Your Committee are of the opinion that it may become advisable to sell a part of the realty in lots to discharge the mortgage debt ; they therefore offer the following resolutions :

Resolved, 1st. That the Trustee be requested to transfer the title to the property of the Church School for Boys in Salisbury to the Trustees of the Diocese.

2d. That this Convention elect a Board of Trustees, consisting of three members, to take charge of said property and school, to hold office for the term of three years, their successors to be elected triennially.

3d. That the Trustees of the Diocese be directed to sell and execute title to any lot or lots that the Trustees of the School think advisable for the purpose of paying off and discharging the mortgage debt.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. SMITH,
For the Committee.

On motion, the resolutions were adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Murdoch presented his report as Clerical Trustee of the University of the South as follows :

The following are the receipts for the Theological Department of the University of the South during the year :

Henderson, Holy Innocents.....	\$ 8 00
Pittsboro, St. Bartholomew's	6 37
Sanford, St. Thomas.....	1 00
Raleigh, St. Mary's School.....	10 00
Salisbury, St. Luke's	6 20
Raleigh, Christ Church.....	12 35
Scotland Neck, Trinity.....	5 35
Halifax, St. Mark's.....	2 09
Hillsboro, St. Matthew's.....	5 26
Jackson, Church of the Saviour.....	2 25
Raleigh, St. Augustine's School.....	3 00
Charlotte, St. Mary the Virgin.....	1 00
Mr. W. A. Smith.....	5 00
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Two other sums, amounting to \$6. were sent through me, but will be credited by the Treasurer of the Theological Department to the Missionary District of Asheville, from which they came.

F. J. MURDOCH.
Clerical Trustee.

The Rev. Mr. Perry was, on motion, excused from further attendance.

The Bishop vacated the chair, which was taken by the Rev. Dr. Murdoch, in the absence of the President.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. John Wilkes and unanimously adopted by a rising vote :

Resolved, That the hearty sympathy of the members of this Convention are hereby tendered the Bishop of the Diocese in the sad bereavement which has lately befallen him in the death of Mrs. Cheshire, whereby he has been deprived of the companionship and help of a wise, faithful and devoted wife, and his children of one of the best of mothers.

The Secretary offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted :

Resolved. That having learned that our beloved Bishop expects to attend the meeting of the Bishops of the Anglican Communion, to be held in England during the coming Summer, the members of the Convention desire to express their hearty concurrence in his purpose, and trust that while he enjoys the benefits, both to himself and to his work, afforded by intercourse and counsel with his brethren, he will also take ample time for needed recreation after the laborious years so faithfully spent in the discharge of the duties of his Episcopate.

Resolved. That our prayers shall follow our Bishop for the protection of God in his journeyings and for his safe return to his Diocese.

The Bishop resumed the chair and made a feeling response to the resolutions passed in his absence.

On motion of Mr. John Wilkes, the Convention proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee.

Mr. Wilkes nominated the Rev. Drs. Marshall and Smedes, the Rev. Mr. Bronson, Dr. P. E. Hines and Mr. R. H. Battle. There were no other nominations, and the Secretary being instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention, they were declared elected.

The Rev. Dr. Murdoch presented the following

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CANONS.

The Committee on Canons, to whom were referred the resolution of the Rev. Mr. McKenzie on the subject of Memorials, that of Mr. R. H. Battle on Parochial elections, and that of the Rev. Mr. Osborne, proposing a change in the manner of paying the salaries of the Clergy, have considered the same, and beg leave to offer the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That the following Canon be enacted by this Convention, to be numbered Chapter III. Canon VII: No memorial shall hereafter be placed in any church without the consent both of the Rector or Minister in charge and of the Vestry. No memorial heretofore placed in any church, and none hereafter placed in accordance with this Canon, shall be altered or removed without the consent both of the Rector or Minister in charge and of the Vestry.

2. *Resolved*, That Article IX, Section 3 of the Constitution be amended as follows: Strike out the word *males* in the second line, and remove the words *members of the Parish* to that place in the section; also strike out the *proviso* at the end of said section.

3. *Resolved*, That the consideration of the change in the method of paying the stipends of the Clergy be postponed till the next Annual Convention.

4. *Resolved*, That the Committee be allowed till the next Annual Convention to report on the resolution of Dr. Kemp P. Battle, as recorded on page 41 of the Journal of the Convention of 1896.

In offering the first resolution reported by the Committee, Dr. Murdoch proposed as an amendment the following addition :

Provided, That when there is no Rector or Minister in charge, or when there is no Vestry, the consent of the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese, together with that of the Vestry, or together with that of the Rector or Minister in charge, shall suffice.

The amendment was agreed to, and the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

The President of the Convention took the chair.

The Rev. Dr. Murdoch offered the second resolution.

A vote by Orders being necessary, it resulted as follows :
Clergy—Ayes 10, Noes 17. Parishes—Ayes 6, Noes 7,
Divided 1.

Clergy voting in the Affirmative : The Rev. Messrs. Bailey, Bost, Hunter, McKenzie, Miller, Murdoch, Owens, Picard, Plummer and Pruden—10.

Clergy voting in the Negative : The Rt. Rev. the Bishop, the Rev. Messrs. Avirett, Barber, Bronson, C. Fetter, F. Fetter, George, Hilliard, Hoffmann, Ingle, Jones, Marshall, Osborne, Phelps, Smedes, Smith and Walker—17.

Parishes voting in the Affirmative : Chapel Hill, Chapel of the Cross; Oxford, St. Stephen's; Pittsboro, St. Bartholomew's (Mr. W. L. London voting in the negative); Raleigh, Good Shepherd; Raleigh, St. Ambrose; Rocky Mount, Good Shepherd (Mr. Muse voting in the negative)—6.

Parishes voting in the Negative : Burlington, St. Athanasius; Charlotte, St. Peter's; Durham, St. Philip's; Henderson, Holy Innocents; Scotland Neck, Trinity; Tarboro, Calvary; Wadesboro, Calvary—7.

Parish divided: Raleigh, Christ Church (Aye, Mr. C. M. Busbee; No, Mr. R. H. Lewis, M.D.)—1.

And so the resolution was not adopted.

Dr. Murdoch, on behalf of the Committee, offered the third and fourth resolutions, which were successively adopted.

The Bishop resumed the chair.

On motion of Mr. Wm. Wall, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention are due and are hereby tendered to the Rector and congregation of the Church of the Good Shepherd, and to the citizens of Raleigh generally, for their very generous hospitality in the entertainment of the members of this body and the visitors in attendance on its sessions, and also to the *Raleigh News and Observer*, *Tribune* and *Press-Visitor* for their full reports of the proceedings of the Convention.

Resolved, That the expenses in attending the Convention, incurred by Clergymen who have been received into the Diocese since the last Convention and have been given honorary seats in the Convention, be paid by the Treasurer.

Mr. R. H. Battle moved that the Convention proceed to the consideration of the report of the Executive Missionary Committee. The motion being agreed to, the Rev. Thomas E. Winecoff, the Executive Secretary, read the following

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

The Executive Missionary Committee respectfully report that they have met four times during the year and transacted the necessary business. During the first quarter stipends were paid to seventeen missionaries specifically, and the sum of \$200 was appropriated for the use of the Bishop at his discretion. For the second quarter the same number and amount of stipends were allowed, though one missionary was dropped from the former list, and one added. For the third and fourth quarters appropriations were made to fifteen missionaries specifically, and \$175 per quarter for use at the Bishop's discretion. The entire amount appropriated, including the salary of the Executive Secretary, was \$2,845. Up to October 1, 1896, this report includes appropriations made to the Jurisdiction of Asheville, but since that date, only the receipts and expenditures for the Missions of this Diocese.

While fully realizing that in some few cases it may be impracticable to use the pledge system, and appreciating the efforts of those clergymen who have faithfully tried the system, the Committee would urge upon all the Clergy and laity of the Diocese renewed diligence in the employment of this system, recommended by successful experience and required by Canon.

The Committee would also urge that all information asked for through its Secretary be furnished by the Clergy promptly.

[The rest of the report of the Committee is omitted in this place, since it consists entirely of statistics of appropriations and contributions, all which are contained in the report of the Treasurer.]

On motion of Mr. John Wilkes, the Convention went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. Henry A. London in the chair, to consider the report of the Executive Missionary Committee. The committee rose, reported progress and was given leave to sit again.

The President took the chair.

The Rev. John F. George offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted :

WHEREAS, There is in Mocksville a church lot, the Trustees of which are deceased, and on which a chapel is to be erected during the approaching summer; therefore, in order to secure a valid title to said property, be it

Resolved. That the church property in Mocksville be now placed in the hands of the Trustees of the Diocese.

The Rev. Mr. Bailey was, on motion, excused from further attendance.

Mr. Wm. A. Smith moved that the Convention go into the election of Trustees for the Boys' School at Salisbury. The motion being carried, Mr. Smith nominated the Rev. Dr. Murdoch, the Rev. S. S. Bost and Mr. Theodore Buerbaum.

There being no other nominations, the Secretary was, on motion, requested to cast the ballot of the Convention, and they were declared elected.

The Convention then took a recess until 3:30 o'clock.

FRIDAY, May 14, 3:30 P. M.

The Convention reassembled, the Bishop in the chair.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Marshall, the Convention went into Committee of the Whole to consider the report of the Executive Missionary Committee, Dr. R. H. Lewis in the chair.

The Committee rose and reported, through the chairman, the following resolution, which, on motion of the Rev. Jas. B. Avirett, was adopted :

Resolved. That the evening of the day on which the Bishop reads his Convention Address shall be set apart for the consideration of Diocesan Missions, and that the Executive Missionary Committee shall select the speakers.

The Rev. Charles L. Hoffmann offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved. That the members of the Convention of the Diocese of North Carolina appreciate and are grateful for the pleasant and inspiring hours spent on Thursday evening in the historic precincts of St. Mary's School, on the invitation of the Rector, the Rev. Bennett Smedes, D.D., and that this expression be emphasized by the Convention in a rising vote.

On motion of the Rev. B. S. Bronson, it was

Resolved. That the thanks of the Convention are hereby extended to the Rev. Dr. Lamb for his address yesterday, in regard to the work of the Clergymen's Retiring Fund Society.

The Rev. Dr. Murdoch presented the following

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CANONS.

The Committee on Canons, to whom were referred the resolutions of the Rev. Mr. Ingle in regard to the expediency of amending Article III, Section 3 of the Constitution, and Rule of Order XIV, beg leave to report that they have considered the same and offer the following resolutions :

Resolved. That Rule of Order XIV be amended by adding the words : But if the vote be unanimous it shall suffice to record the number voting in each Order: and unless the vote of a Parish be equally divided, it shall suffice to record the vote of the Parish and that of any dissenting delegate.

Resolved. That it is inexpedient to amend Article III, Section 3 of the Constitution, by the addition of the words: or to any clergyman incapacitated by age or infirmity for regular parochial work.

The resolutions were adopted.

The Rev. Walter J. Smith presented the following

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Committee on the State of the Church would respectfully report that while the Parochial reports of the various Parishes and Missions show a falling off in contributions, owing partly to the depressed financial condition of the country, and partly to the indifference of both

pastor and people as to the canonical requirements in regard to collections, yet there is a decided improvement in other respects as compared with the report of the previous year. The decrease in the number of confirmations, as well as a part of the decrease in contributions for Diocesan Missions, is due to the fact that the Bishop had to cancel quite a large number of his appointments in order to solicit funds for the establishing of St. Mary's School upon a firm and secure basis—a work which he considered the most important which would be brought before this Convention.

Your committee would most earnestly impress upon the clergy of the Diocese the importance of sending in their annual reports at the time and in the manner required by the Canon, for surely it must be evident to all that it is utterly impossible to present a full and complete statement of the condition of the church without prompt and accurate returns from all the congregations. The report of the Archdeacon shows improvement in the work among the colored people—the large number of Parochial schools being an evidence of the wisdom with which the foundation for future work is being laid. The Thompson Orphanage—that truly Christlike charity—claims the sympathy and interest of the church people in the whole State at all times, but especially at the present when it is seeking to enlarge its usefulness by the employment of more teachers, and the erection of an infirmary and other needed additions to its buildings. The two hospitals at Charlotte—St. Peter's and the Good Samaritan—continue to obey the Divine command to care for the sick and the maimed, and how well they are doing it is amply testified by their reports. The character of the work done at St. Augustine School can be best learned by a visit to that time-honored institution, where the hand, the heart, the mind, the soul are all trained with regard to the destiny they are to fulfil. To quote from the Bishop's address, "The Woman's Auxiliary, the Daughters of the King, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew—all of them organizations manifesting the life and power of the church in good works—are here to speak for themselves." How well they are doing it is fully testified by the number and enthusiasm of the delegates present. These organizations are all well equipped for the work they have undertaken, and the past year in many respects has been full of encouragement. Let them move forward into the coming year in orderly array, with the confident hope that, with God's blessing and guidance, they will accomplish even greater things than they have in the past. The Babies' Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary is not here to speak for itself, but it has spoken very effectively in the homes of the little ones, as is shown by the number of pennies that have been dropped by the tiny hands into the missionary treasury.

While commending the whole of the Bishop's address to the consideration of the clergy and laity of the Diocese, your committee would

call special attention to his suggestion in regard to the formation of St. Mary's Alumnae Association, and also to his request that in view of the approaching Lambeth Conference the clergy of the Diocese shall, during the month of July, use the prayer appointed to be used during the meetings of the Convention, the prayer for the Unity of God's people, and the prayer for Missions.

In order to bring these suggestions in regard to St. Mary's to the attention of all the people of the Diocese, your committee think it would be well if the Bishop would issue a circular letter setting forth exactly his wishes in regard to it.

The Treasurer's books show a very satisfactory condition of the Diocesan Missionary Fund, and in conclusion your committee cannot too earnestly commend the present monthly pledge system of raising money for that object. Were this plan heartily adopted by all the congregations, the missionary work of the Diocese would be given a life and vigor which it has never felt before. As a helpful missionary agency the *Messenger of Hope* is warmly endorsed, and the clergy and laity are called upon to do what they can to increase its circulation and usefulness.

W. J. SMITH,

Chairman.

The Rev. Junius M. Horner presented the following

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee beg leave to report that they have examined carefully the schedule of assessments for the Episcopal and Contingent Fund, and recommend the reduction of assessments in the case of several Parishes and Missions as indicated in the accompanying schedule. They recommend also the remission of certain sums charged as arrearage, as follows :

Charlotte, St. Peter's, \$85; Greensboro, St. Andrew's, \$24; Kittrell, St. James', \$15; Louisburg, St. Paul's, \$17; Monroe, St. Paul's, \$5; Oxford, St. Stephen's, \$75; Scotland Neck, Trinity, \$10; Walnut Cove, Christ Church, \$13; Farintosh, Salem Chapel, \$26.

This reduction is made possible without embarrassment by the resolution passed in this Convention to ask the Jurisdiction of Asheville to contribute towards the Bishop's salary sums amounting to about \$1,000.

Your Committee also recommend that the Parishes be asked to be more prompt in paying these assessments *quarterly*, and not to defer payment until the end of the year.

Your Committee have considered the report of the "Trustees to hold Property for the Diocese of North Carolina," referred to it, and approve of the course pursued by that Board in the management of the property placed in its keeping.

Your Committee recommend that the Chapel of St. Mary the Virgin,

Charlotte, be released from all charges for the Episcopal Contingent Fund, and that a small assessment of not less than \$2.50 be placed upon every Mission Station visited regularly by the Bishop. The schedule is arranged in accordance with this recommendation.

As there is in the Episcopal and Contingent Fund a deficiency of \$2,755.86, it is necessary that those Parishes which are in arrears should realize their responsibility and remit their assessments as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

JUNIOUS M. HORNER,
Chairman.

(For Schedule of Assessments see Appendix D.)

On motion of Mr. R. H. Battle, the report, including the Schedule of Assessments, was adopted.

On motion of Mr. R. H. Battle, it was

Resolved, That the Rev. James H. Williams be authorized and requested to take charge, in behalf of the Trustees of the Diocese, of the church property in the town of Mocksville.

Mr Kemp P. Battle offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Mr. Henry A. London be added to the Commissioners for the sale of the Mary R. Smith land, any two of whom shall be empowered to make sale of the premises as heretofore provided, and to make title to the purchasers.

On motion of Mr. Wm. L. London, it was ordered that 900 copies of the Journal be printed.

The Rev. Charles L. Hoffmann moved that the claim of Mr. Hamner, of High Point, for reimbursement of expenses incurred in the building of St. Mary's Church, be referred to the Standing Committee of the Diocese, with authority to settle the same.

Mr. John Wilkes moved as a substitute for this motion, the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Diocese be authorized to determine the amount of the advances made by Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hamner for the completion of St. Mary's Church, High Point, and to make a compromise with them for such sum as may be agreed upon, and to mortgage the church property for the amount: *Provided*, That the

Mission arrange for the payment of the interest, and it be expressed in the mortgage that the Diocese and Trustees shall not be liable for the debt further than the value of the property, in case of sale.

The Rev. James F. Plummer, on behalf of St. Stephen's Church, Oxford, invited the Convention to hold its next Annual Meeting in that place in the month of June, 1898.

Mr. G. C. Lamb, in the name of the Vestry of the Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson, extended an invitation to the Convention to assemble there on the 11th day of May next. The latter date being considered more convenient for the purpose, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the next session of the Annual Convention of the Diocese be held in the Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson, on the 11th day of May, 1898.

The Convention, on motion, proceeded to the election of certain Committees, as follows :

The Rev. B. S. McKenzie nominated as members of the Executive Missionary Committee, Messrs. Wm. L. London, Charles M. Busbee, John Wilkes, Richard H. Battle and Thomas H. Battle.

In the absence of other nominations, the Secretary was requested to cast the ballot of the Convention, and they were declared elected.

Mr. McKenzie nominated as members of the Education Committee, the Rev. E. A. Osborne, the Rev. F. J. Murdoch and Mr. Stephen F. Lord. There were no other nominations, and the Secretary having cast the ballot as before, the persons so named were declared elected.

In like manner were elected the members of the Church Building Committee, as follows: The Rev. William Walker, the Rev. I. McK. Pittenger, D.D., the Rev. Julian E. Ingle, Mr. Frank T. Ward and Mr. W. E. Ashley.

There being no further business before the Convention, Mr. John Wilkes moved that after the reading of the Minutes and the usual concluding devotions, the Convention should stand adjourned *sine die*.

The motion was agreed to.

The *Gloria in Excelsis* was sung, the Bishop offered prayer and pronounced the Benediction, and the Convention adjourned.

JOSEPH BLOUNT CHESHIRE, JR.,

Attest:

Bishop of North Carolina.

JULIAN E. INGLE,

Secretary of the Convention

APPENDIX A.

ADDRESS OF THE BISHOP.

Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

Each hour has its special burden of duty and of responsibility, and the present is always big with the opportunities and possibilities for the future. I never face this annual gathering of my dear friends, brethren and fathers in Christ, without an increasing sense of my insufficiency for the burden laid upon me, and an anxious hope that, as we all depend upon the goodness and love of God in our efforts for His Church, so you would especially give your loving help and forbearance to one who is your servant for Christ's sake. The world waits for us to do for it the work which our Master has sent us to do. Part of that work lies before us now as we begin the Eighty-first Annual Convention of the Diocese of North Carolina.

The following is a chronological list of Episcopal visitations and other ministrations in the Diocese for the year ending April 30th last past. I give it in as condensed a form as seems to be consistent with a clear statement of the facts which the Canon requires each Diocesan Bishop to lay before the Annual Convention of his Diocese:

- May 3. My first service was in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, where I administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, in the Chapel of St. Mary's School, I confirmed four pupils of the school.
- May 5. In St. Peter's Church, Charlotte, I attended a meeting of the Executive Missionary Committee.
- May 6. The Eightieth Annual Convention of the Diocese met in St. Peter's Church, Charlotte. At the opening service I administered the Holy Communion, presided during its sessions and officiated at several services in connection therewith.

- May 7. Administered the Holy Communion at the annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese.
- May 8. Administered the Holy Communion at the annual meeting of the Diocesan Branch of the Daughters of the King.
- May 9. Administered the Holy Communion at the opening of the Convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and at a later service delivered a charge to the Brotherhood.
- May 10. I consecrated St. Mark's Church, Mecklenburg Co.; preached and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon visited the Church of St. Michael and All Angel's, Charlotte, and confirmed eight persons.
- May 11. Visited St. Andrew's Chapel, near Charlotte; preached, and confirmed two persons.
- May 14. *Ascension Day*. In the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh. I administered the Holy Communion.
- May 17. At Oak Ridge Institute, Guilford County, I preached the Commencement Sermon before the school. In the evening of the same day I preached in St. Barnabas' Church, Greensboro.
- May 27. Visited St. Augustine's School, Raleigh, and confirmed five persons; attended annual meeting of the Trustees of St. Augustine's School.
- May 28. I presided at the Commencement Exercises of St. Augustine's School.
- May 29. Officiated at a funeral in Henderson.
- May 30. I confirmed in private a sick man and his mother, near Henderson.
- May 31. *Trinity Sunday*. In St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, I confirmed four persons, ordained two priests, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
- June 1. In Calvary Church, Tarboro, I conducted a funeral service.
- June 4. I attended the Commencement of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- June 6. In Rocky Mount I made a number of pastoral visits and instructed a Confirmation Class.
- June 7. In the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rocky Mount, I baptized three adults and confirmed eleven persons. In the evening of the same day, in the Court House at Smithfield, I said Evening Prayer and preached.
- June 9. In St. Mary's School Chapel I confirmed one pupil.
- June 10. Attended a meeting of the Committee on St. Mary's School at my house in Raleigh.
- June 12. I confirmed a sick man at the Soldiers' Home, presented by Dr. Marshall.
- June 14. Visited All Saints' Church, Concord; had service morning and evening; preached twice and confirmed four persons.

- June 15. I confirmed a sick member of the same Parish in private.
- July 12. In St. Matthew's Church, Hillsboro, in the absence of the Rector, I officiated twice; preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
- July 19. In the same church officiated morning and evening, and preached.
- July 21. In St. Mary's Church, Orange County, I preached; in the afternoon took the service in St. Matthew's, Hillsboro.
- July 28. In Grace Church, Weldon, I officiated at the marriage of the Rector of the Parish. Immediately after the service I left to attend the annual meeting of the Trustees of the University of the South, at Sewanee, and thence went on a visitation of the Jurisdiction of Asheville, which occupied my time until the end of September, with only very little intervals for attention to other necessary matters.
- Sept. 8. I attended a meeting of the Executive Missionary Committee at my house in Raleigh, and in the afternoon of the same day a meeting of the Committee on St. Mary's School.
- Oct. 4. In St. Matthew's Church, Hillsboro, I officiated twice, and administered the Holy Communion.
- Oct. 6. I attended a meeting of the Convocation of Raleigh.
- Oct. 7. In St. Peter's Church, Stovall, officiated at several services, preached, and made an address to the Woman's Auxiliary. I had a conference with a number of colored people with reference to the establishment of a Mission for them near Goshen, Granville County.
- Oct. 9. I called a meeting of the Standing Committee at my house to ask their counsel on important Diocesan business.
- Oct. 10. In Granville County, near Kittrell, I took part in the services preliminary to laying the corner stone of the Atkinson Memorial Chapel.
- Oct. 11. In Christ Church, Raleigh, I took the two morning services for the Rector, administered the Holy Communion and preached. In the afternoon I preached at the Insane Asylum.
- Oct. 16. At Speight's Chapel, Edgecombe County, I preached.
- Oct. 18. I consecrated St. John's Church, Battleboro; confirmed five persons, and administered the Holy Communion.
- Oct. 20. I attended a meeting of the House of Bishops in New York City.
- Oct. 22. I attended a meeting of the Commission on work among the Colored people.
- Oct. 28. I took part in a marriage service in Raleigh.
- Oct. 30. I visited St. John's Church, Madison, and preached.
- Oct. 31. I visited Stoneville, Rockingham County; baptized an infant, and preached.

- Nov. 1. St. John's Church Madison, I confirmed three persons, preached, and administered the Holy Communion. In the evening in St. Paul's Church, Winston, I preached.
- Nov. 10. I visited Christ Church, Walnut Cove, confirmed two persons, preached and administered the Holy Communion.
- Nov. 11. Visited St. Philip's Church, Germanton, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
- Nov. 12. I visited the church at Mount Airy, baptized an adult, preached, confirmed four persons, and administered the Holy Communion.
- Nov. 15. I visited St. Andrew's Church, Rowan County, confirmed one person and preached. In the afternoon I married a negro couple. In the evening, at St. George's Chapel, I preached, and confirmed three persons.
- Nov. 16. I visited Christ Church, Rowan County, confirmed three persons, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
- Nov. 17. I visited St. Matthew's Church, Rowan County, confirmed three persons, preached, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon visited St. Jude's Church, preached, and confirmed nine persons. In the evening I visited St. Peter's Chapel, Salisbury, preached, and confirmed one person.
- Nov. 18. I married a couple in Greensboro.
- Nov. 20. I visited St. James' Church, Iredell County, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
- Nov. 23. In Trinity Church, Statesville, I officiated twice, baptized and confirmed an adult, preached twice, and administered the Holy Communion.
- Nov. 26. *Thanksgiving Day.* I preached in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh.
- Nov. 27. St. Andrew's Chapel, near Charlotte, I preached, and confirmed four persons.
- Nov. 28. I visited St. Mark's Church, Mecklenburg County, confirmed four persons, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
- Nov. 29. I visited St. Peter's Church, Charlotte, officiated morning and evening, preached twice, confirmed fifteen persons, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon I visited the Church of St. Michael and All Angels', preached, and confirmed four persons.
- Dec. 6. I visited St. Barnabas' Church, Greensboro. preached, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon visited St. Cuthbert's Chapel. In the evening, in St. Andrew's Church, I preached, and confirmed nine persons.
- Dec. 7. In St. Philip's Church, Durham. I preached, and confirmed seventeen persons.

- Dec. 8. Visited Salem Chapel, Fairtosh, Durham County, confirmed eight persons, and administered the Holy Communion.
- Dec. 9. At Henderson I confirmed a sick man in private.
- Dec. 11. Ansonville, All Souls' Church, I took part in the service.
- Dec. 12. In the same Church I baptized two adults, preached, and confirmed four persons.
- Dec. 13. I consecrated All Souls' Church, Ansonville, and administered the Holy Communion. In the evening I visited Calvary Church, Wadesboro, and confirmed seven persons.
- Dec. 18. In the Chapel of Christ Church, Raleigh, I said Morning Prayer.
- Dec. 20. In Christ Church, Raleigh, I preached, and confirmed one person. In the afternoon I preached at the Soldiers' Home. In the evening, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, I preached.
- Dec. 21. In the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, I administered the Holy Communion.
- Dec. 23. I attended a meeting of the Committee on St. Mary's School.
- Dec. 24. I made an address to the Sunday School children of Christ Church, Raleigh.
- Dec. 25. *Christmas Day.* In St. Saviour's Chapel, Raleigh, I preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
- Dec. 27. In St. Paul's Church, Goshen, I preached, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, at a school-house near Satterwhite, in Granville County, I had service and preached to a large congregation of negroes. I afterwards had a conference with them with reference to establishing a Mission among them and building a church.
- Dec. 30. In a private house in the same neighborhood, in the presence of a small congregation, I baptized six negro children.

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- Jan. 1. *Feast of the Circumcision.* I attended the proper service for the day in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh.
- Jan. 6. *The Epiphany.* In the same church I made an address, and administered the Holy Communion.
- Jan. 10. In Calvary Church, Tarboro, I officiated twice, preached, and administered the Holy Communion. The evening of the same day I preached in St. Luke's Church, Tarboro.
- Jan. 13. At a funeral in Calvary Churchyard, Tarboro, I said the lesser benediction.
- Jan. 17. I visited St. Stephen's Church, Oxford, confirmed two persons, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon I confirmed a sick woman at the Poor-house, near Oxford.
- Jan. 23. In Chapel Hill, Chapel of the Cross, I took part in the service.

- Jan. 24. In the same church I officiated morning and evening, preached twice, confirmed two persons, and administered the Holy Communion.
- Jan. 27. In St. Philip's Church, Durham, I administered the Holy Communion, and at a later hour I officiated at the marriage of the Rector of the Parish. From January 27th, to February 5th, I was absent from the Diocese, attending the consecration of Bishop Morrison in the Cathedral at Albany, on the Feast of the Purification, and meeting of the Commission on Work among the Colored people in Washington, February 3d; and also in attending to some minor matters of church business.
- Feb. 7. In the absence of the Rector, I took the services in Christ Church, Raleigh, officiated morning and afternoon, made an address to the Sunday School, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
- Feb. 8. I made a special visitation to St. Augustine's School.
- Feb. 12. In the Chapel of Christ Church, Raleigh, I conducted the regular monthly service of intercession for missions, and admitted two women to the Order of Daughters of the King, acting for the Rector. The same day at noon, I presided at a meeting of the Executive Missionary Committee.
- Feb. 14. I visited St. Matthew's Church, Hillsboro, preached, and administered the Holy Communion. In the evening I visited St. Athanasius' Church, Burlington, preached, and confirmed six persons.
- Feb. 17. I attended a meeting of the Convocation of Tarboro, in Grace Church, Weldon, in the afternoon. In the evening visited the Parish, preached, and confirmed six persons.
- Feb. 18. In the same church I administered the Holy Communion.
- Feb. 19. Visited the Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson, preached, and confirmed ten persons.
- Feb. 21. Visited St. James' Church, Kittrell, preached, confirmed four persons, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, at the Atkinson Memorial Mission, I preached, and confirmed one person.
- Feb. 22. I visited St. Paul's Church, Louisburg, preached, and confirmed two persons.
- Feb. 23. I visited St. Matthias' Church, Louisburg, preached, and confirmed five persons.
- Feb. 24. I married a couple in Raleigh, in the absence of the Rev. Dr. Marshall.
- Feb. 25. I visited Emmanuel Mission, Southern Pines, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.

- Feb. 28. In Christ Church, Raleigh, I preached in the forenoon. The same day I visited the Church of St. Ambrose, administering the Holy Communion in the morning, and in the evening confirmed five persons.
- Mar. 2. I appointed the Feast of the Annunciation to be observed as a "Quiet Day" by the members of the Woman's Auxiliary, and set forth special prayers for the same.
- Mar. 3. *Ash Wednesday.* I visited St. Timothy's Church, Wilson, preached, confirmed twelve persons, and had a conference with members of the vestry.
- Mar. 4. I visited St. Mark's Chapel, Wilson, preached, and confirmed two persons.
- Mar. 5. I visited St. John's Church, Battleboro, preached, and administered the Holy Communion.
- Mar. 6. At Argo, in Nash County, I had service and preached.
- Mar. 7. In Nashville I had service in the Academy and preached. In the evening of the same day I visited the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rocky Mount, preached, and confirmed six persons.
- Mar. 8. I visited the Church of the Advent, Enfield, baptized and confirmed two adults, and preached.
- Mar. 10. I held the initial meeting of the incorporators of St. Mary's School at my house in Raleigh, to adopt the charter and organize the Board of Trustees.
- Mar. 13. In accordance with the request of the Board of Trustees of St. Mary's School, I this day cancelled all my outstanding appointments, except those at Tarboro and Durham, in order to devote the time to work in behalf of St. Mary's School.
- Mar. 14. I visited Calvary Church, Tarboro, officiated morning and evening, preached twice, administered the Holy Communion and confirmed six persons. In the afternoon I visited Grace Memorial Chapel, Lawrence, baptized an adult, preached, and confirmed three persons.
- Mar. 17. I officiated at a funeral in Christ Church, Raleigh.
- Mar. 25. I attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of St. Mary's School.
- Apr. 2. I officiated at a funeral in Christ Church, Raleigh.
- Apr. 7. I attended a meeting of the Executive Committee at St. Mary's School.
- Apr. 16. *Good Friday.* I preached at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh.
- Apr. 18. *Easter Day.* I visited St. Philip's Church, Durham, preached, confirmed nine persons, and administered the Holy Communion. In the evening I made a special visitation to Greensboro, and in St. Barnabas' Church I baptized two adults, preached, and confirmed four persons.

- Apr. 23. I presided at a special meeting of the Trustees of St. Augustine's School.
- Apr. 25. I visited Christ Church, Raleigh, confirmed eleven persons, preached, and administered the Holy Communion. In the evening I visited the Church of the Good Shepherd, preached, and confirmed seven persons.
- Apr. 27. I presided at the annual meeting of the Board of Managers of the Thompson Orphanage and Training Institution in Charlotte, and also visited the Orphanage, holding service in the Chapel of St. Mary the Virgin, and confirming five children, inmates of the Institution.
- Apr. 28. In the Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson, I took part with the Rector in a marriage. At a later hour, in the same church, I confirmed three persons, and afterwards a sick woman in private.
- Apr. 29. I visited the Church of the Good Shepherd, Littleton, confirmed two persons, preached, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon I had service and preached at the Mission for negroes in the same town.

During the year covered by the foregoing list, I have officiated within the Diocese one hundred and thirty-one times, administered the Holy Communion forty-one times, preached eighty-two sermons, delivered forty addresses, confirmed two hundred and sixty-eight persons, baptized twelve adults and seven infants, officiated at three funerals and at six marriages. The decrease in these totals, as compared with Episcopal ministrations of former years, is due partly to the fact that I had to cancel my engagements in the midst of my most important visitation this spring and devote the time to the business of St. Mary's School, but it is chiefly owing to the decreased size of the Diocese since the creation of the Missionary Jurisdiction of Asheville, coupled with the fact that being still in charge of that Jurisdiction, I am unable to bestow any greater time or labor upon my smaller field.

I have during the year covered by this address made a very thorough visitation of the Missionary Jurisdiction, devoting to that work almost the whole of my time from the middle of June to the first of October, with several special visitations at other times. Leaving out of account the months of May and October, which seem to be as a rule almost wholly absorbed by Diocesan and general church business, meetings of Conventions, of the House of Bishops, etc., and considering the impossibility of making visitations

during mid-winter, it will be seen that about one-half of the time during which visitations are practicable is given to the Jurisdiction of Asheville.

During the year I have officiated a number of times beyond the limits of my own Jurisdiction, but never except when my duty to the Diocese or to the Church seemed to require my absence. In July and August I was for ten days in attendance upon the meeting of the Trustees of the University of the South at Sewanee. In October I attended, in the city of New York, a special meeting of the House of Bishops and a meeting of the Commission on Work among the Colored People of the South. On the Feast of the Purification I had the pleasure, by appointment of the Presiding Bishop, of taking part in the Consecration of my friend, the Rev. Dr. Morrison, as Bishop of Duluth, in the noble Cathedral Church of All Saints, Albany, as one of the Presenters of the Bishop-elect.

During the year I have consecrated three churches. May 10th, the fifth Sunday after Easter, I consecrated St. Mark's Church, Mecklenburg County, being assisted in the services by a large number of the Clergy who had remained over in Charlotte from the Convention. The petition for consecration was read by the Rev. John H. Griffith, Jr., Deacon in charge, and the sentence of consecration by the Rev. Edwin A. Osborne, by whose exertions the church had been built. I claimed for myself the privilege of preaching the sermon on the occasion, which was the happy consummation of hopes and efforts which had their first expression in services begun by me in a neighboring school house in the latter part of the year 1883.

October 18th, the twentieth Sunday after Trinity, I consecrated St. John's Church, Battleboro. The petition for consecration was read by the Rev. Gaston Battle, Deacon in charge, and the sentence by the Rev. Elliott White, of the Diocese of Newark, who also preached the sermon. To Mr. White's faithful labors we owe, under God, the establishment of this congregation and the building of the church. At my earnest request he came from his home and his duties in Newark to preach the consecration sermon, and to gratify his many friends by his presence. The Rev. Messrs. Poffenberger and McKenzie also assisted in the service.

December 13th, the third Sunday in Advent, I consecrated All Soul's Church, Ansonville. The petition for consecration was read by Mr. William A. Smith, and the sentence by the Rev. Edwin A. Osborne. The Rev. Mr. Hoffman,

of St. Peter's Church, Charlotte, preached the sermon. The Rev. Charles Fetter also took part in the service.

During the past year I have organized the following Mission congregations, under the Diocesan Canon :

December 12th. All Souls' Church, Ansonville, under the charge of the Rev. Charles Fetter.

December 15th. St. Cuthbert's, in the suburbs of Greensboro, under charge of the Rev. Horace W. Jones.

January 7th. St. Matthew's, Rowan County, embracing Franklin Township, under the Rev. Sidney S. Bost.

January 7th. St. Jude's, Rowan County, embracing so much of Locke Township as lies west of a line drawn parallel with Grant's Creek, one mile west thereof, under charge of the Rev. Sidney S. Bost.

The following changes in our Clergy list are to be noted:
I have received from other Dioceses :

Sept. 27th. The Rev. Thomas E. Winecoff, Priest, from Mississippi.

Nov. 1. The Rev. James A. Weston, Priest, from Asheville.

Dec. 28. The Rev. Henry T. Gregory, Priest, from South Carolina.

Feb. 23. The Rev. James A. Williams, Priest, from Kentucky.

March 1. The Rev. Samuel Paxson Watters, Priest, from Florida.

I have transferred by Letters Dismissory :

Nov. 1. The Rev. Chas. J. Wingate, to Asheville.

Nov. 7. The Rev. Edward Benedict, to Easton.

Nov. 14. The Rev. John W. Barker, to Long Island.

On Trinity Sunday, May 31st, I advanced to the Priesthood the Rev. Sidney S. Bost and Robert Bruce Owens, in St. Luke's Church, Salisbury. The candidates were presented by the Rev. Dr. Murdoch. I preached the sermon. The Rev. Drs. Davis, Marshall, and Murdoch, and the Rev. Edwin A. Osborne united with me in the imposition of hands.

The candidates for Priest's Orders at present are : The Rev. Gaston Battle, Deacon ; The Rev. John H. Griffith, Jr., Deacon ; William B. Crittenden ; Royal G. Shannonhouse.

Candidate for Deacon's Orders : Simeon Jeremiah Michael Brown.

The Postulants are : Alfred James Griffin, Isaac Norfleet Neal, William Thomas Bost, Benjamin Turner Thompson, Thomas Lee Trott.

The following changes have been made in the fields of labor of the Clergy :

The Rev. Thomas B. Bailey, Deacon, has taken charge of the Colored Mission of St. James, Pittsboro, retaining the work in Moore County.

The Rev. Benjamin S. Bronson has become Rector of Emmanuel Church, Warrenton, vacated by the removal of the Rev. Edward Benedict to the Diocese of Easton.

The Rev. J. C. Davis, of Concord, has taken under his charge the work at Lexington.

The Rev. Henry B. Delany, of St. Augustine's School, has withdrawn from the charge of St. Matthias' Mission, Louisburg, and assumed that of All Saints' Mission, Warrenton.

The Rev. Charles Fetter's mission field is now confined to Anson and Richmond counties.

The Rev. Fred. A. Fetter has given up Lexington and High Point, and in their place has accepted the Rectorship of the Parishes at Reidsville and Leaksville.

The Rev. John H. Griffith, Jr., Deacon, has been removed from St. Mark's, Mecklenburg, and put in charge of Trinity Church, Statesville. He gives part of his time to the work at Hickory, in the Jurisdiction of Asheville.

The Rev. Junius M. Horner has given up the work at St. Peter's, Stovall, and St. Paul's, Goshen.

The Rev. Horace W. Jones, of St. Barnabas, Greensboro, has been put in charge of St. Cuthbert's Mission, and has given up the work at Mount Airy.

The Rev. James E. King, Deacon, of St. Ambrose, Raleigh, has been given the additional charge of St. Matthias, Louisburg.

The Rev. Benjamin S. McKenzie has resigned the Rectorship of St. Matthew's, Hillsboro, and has become Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rocky Mount.

The Rev. Dr. Murdoch has given up the charge of his former Mission and Parochial cures, except St. Luke's, Salisbury, and St. John's and St. Peter's Chapels, and St. Mary's, Rowan County.

The Rev. Edwin A. Osborne, since the removal of Mr. Griffith to Statesville, has been in charge of St. Mark's Church, Mecklenburg.

The Rev. Robert Bruce Owens has become Rector of St. Paul's Church, Salisbury, and has charge also of St. John's and St. Peter's, as assistant to Dr. Murdoch.

The Rev. Martin L. Poffenberger has resigned the Rec-

torship of Calvary Church, Tarboro, and has removed from the Diocese, but has not yet taken letters dismissory.

The Rev. Louis H. Schubert has resigned the Rectorship of the Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill.

The Rev. Thomas E. Winecoff has become Rector of the Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill.

The Rev. Samuel P. Watters is serving most acceptably as Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Hillsboro, in charge also of St. Mary's Church, Orange County.

The Rev. James A. Weston is acting as Assistant to the Rev. Dr. Marshall in Christ Church, Raleigh, having special charge of St. Saviour's Chapel and the Parochial Mission School. He has also charge of the Missions at Smithfield and of St. Peter's, Stovall.

The Rev. Henry T. Gregory is resident at Southern Pines, in charge of Emmanuel Mission.

The Rev. F. Cecil Bayliss, of the Diocese of Florida, has become Rector-elect of St. Timothy's Church, Wilson.

The Rev. James H. Williams continues his excellent work at Madison, Walnut Cove and Germanton. I have also put under his charge Mount Airy, Mocksville and High Point.

I must again call the attention of the Clergy to the requirement of the Canon that all lay readers' licenses should be renewed annually. All licenses in this Diocese expire on Easter Monday. Since Easter Monday, 1897, only twelve have been renewed for the whole Diocese.

October 9th, I laid before the Standing Committee, whom I had called together for that purpose, the reasons why it seemed to me impossible, in the present condition of our Diocesan affairs, to carry on with any real advantage the scheme of a Cathedral organization. The great extent of the Diocese, the general weakness of its numerous but very widely scattered congregations, the want of any very strong and opulent centre of church strength, the lack of endowments, seemed to me to combine to render ineffectual any attempt at present to centralize the administration of our Diocesan work. And just at this time the imperative duty of uniting every effort in behalf of our Church School for Girls seemed to make the attempt to effect a Cathedral organization wholly impracticable. After a full and free conference between the Standing Committee, the Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd and myself, the Committee advised unanimously that I rescind the action by which I had adopted the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, as my Cathedral Church and effected a provisional Cathedral

organization; and thereupon, in accordance with the resolution of the Convention of 1896, recorded on the twenty-fifth page of the printed Journal, I did then and there declare the said action rescinded, and caused a minute thereof to be entered upon the records of the Standing Committee. I should add that this action was with the concurrence of the of the Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

There is another very important matter connected with our last year's proceedings, which it is my duty to notice. In my address to the Convention of 1896, while urging the Convention to convey to the Jurisdiction of Asheville so much of the property in Asheville as should be amply sufficient for all the needs and purposes of the Ravenscroft Associate Mission and Training School, I recommended that the remaining portion should be disposed of for Diocesan purposes. The action taken last year seemed to be based upon this my recommendation. Though the Clergy and Laity of the Jurisdiction seemed disposed to acquiesce in the action of our Convention, yet there were some who thought that we had acted under an erroneous view of the merits of the case. Accordingly Commissioners were appointed on the part of the Jurisdiction for the purpose of presenting their views to the Diocese of North Carolina. I have myself had full Conference with these Commissioners, and I am obliged to say that I have become thoroughly satisfied that I was wrong in my position last year, and that I now think we should convey the whole of the Ravenscroft property to the Jurisdiction of Asheville. The consideration which has forced me to this change of conviction on this subject is this: In 1883 the question was raised, whether this property should be divided in the interest of the newly created Diocese of East Carolina. This Convention adopted a report in 1884 which asserted that the Ravenscroft property was held for a purely local purpose and, therefore, should not be divided with East Carolina. In this report, so far as the point now under consideration was concerned, the Diocese of East Carolina concurred, and that Diocese made no claim to any part of the property. After this we cannot now maintain, as I argued last year, that this is general Diocesan property, part of which we may retain for Diocesan purposes.

I hope I may be pardoned for adding in my own behalf, since it happens that I myself wrote the report of 1884, that this point of the local character of the property being generally acquiesced in occasioned no discussion, whereas other

parts of the report gave rise to much heated debate. The consequence was that this particular point, which has now become crucial, had entirely escaped my memory. When it was pointed out to me by one of the Lay Commissioners on the part of the Jurisdiction of Asheville, I at once recognized and admitted its decisive, and even conclusive, force as bearing upon the matter now in question.

In regard to the most important and interesting part of our business of last year, the effort in behalf of the permanent establishment of St. Mary's School, I need say the less in this place, since the whole subject will be fully brought before you in the report of the recently incorporated Board of Trustees. We are all agreed that no matter of mere legislation is comparable in importance with this practical work of securing the continuance and prosperity of this institution. I trust that this Convention will put above every other duty that of effecting this purpose, which it has set before the church people of North Carolina. At the request of the Board of Trustees I laid aside my proper episcopal duty, broke off from my work in the midst of my most interesting and important visitations of the year, and spent more than a month in endeavoring to arouse the interest of our people in this cause. I cannot feel that I fully improved my opportunity, or that I accomplished all that should have been done, but at least I saw enough to convince me that the church people of the State of North Carolina are ready to sustain us in this work. We should raise not less than one hundred thousand dollars for the purpose of providing an endowment and proper grounds and buildings. I propose to appeal directly to our people generally for one-half of this sum. When the Trustees are prepared to say definitely what they propose to do in the matter of grounds and buildings, I believe that our people will enable them to do what is needed. In the meantime I have appealed to the women of North Carolina, and especially to those trained in St. Mary's School, to raise fifty thousand dollars for an endowment to be known as "*The St. Mary's Alumnae Association Fund.*" In order to stimulate and concentrate the interest of the women in this scheme I have instituted the "*Order of the Patrons and Daughters of St. Mary's.*" I desire to find fifty women who will give five hundred dollars each, either in cash or within some specified time agreed upon, who shall, in consideration of this gift, be enrolled as "*Patrons of St. Mary's;*" and I desire to find two hundred and fifty women to be

enrolled as "*Daughters of St. Mary's*," in consideration of similar gifts of one hundred dollars each. I cannot but believe that the long lists of names signed to the Memorial laid before us last year at Charlotte represented a real interest in St. Mary's School, and a devotion ready to show its faith by its works. Many of St. Mary's most faithful friends and alumnae cannot give either of the amounts specified above, but many of them can do so if their hearts be truly engaged. Already a number of "*Patrons of St. Mary's*" have been enrolled, and a much larger number of "*Daughters*." Can we not double the number of both during this Convention?

In my work for St. Mary's School, I have visited in this Diocese Tarboro, Rocky Mount, Raleigh, Charlotte, Lexington, Burlington, Germanton, Hillsboro, Durham, and Henderson. In the Diocese of East Carolina, by the request and invitation of Bishop Watson, who is in entire and hearty sympathy and accord with us, as is also his faithful Diocese, I visited Fayetteville, Wilmington, Newbern, Goldsboro, Washington, and Edenton. I have also visited Asheville on the same errand. In almost all these places I spoke to the people of St. Mary's School, either in church or in other public assembly, and also to smaller meetings of the women of the several Parishes, and also visited from house to house. I was everywhere received with most gratifying evidences of interest in my mission, and much as I regret having to leave some of my congregations unvisited during the past Convention year, I do not feel that I did wrong in yielding to the request of the Board of Trustees.

You will have before you the annual reports of the Board of Managers and of the Superintendent of the Thompson Orphanage and Training Institution. I can give my testimony, from personal observation, that its good work goes on with increasing blessings for the State and for its helpless, indigent orphans. Its special needs and opportunities will be laid before you in these reports. If we can make this Convention a means of building up such institutions as the Thompson Orphanage and St. Mary's School, we shall do better than to limit our efforts to matters of legislation and administration.

The Woman's Auxiliary, the Daughters of the King, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, all these organizations, manifesting the life and power of the church in good works, are here to speak for themselves. I need therefore give the less time in this address to their work.

Of our missionary work, so far as it may come before the Convention for action, I cannot speak very confidently. Since October 1st, 1896, we have been separated in our missionary work from the Jurisdiction of Asheville, which for many years past had been so great a part of it; and since that date we receive no assistance from the Domestic Committee of our General Missionary Board. In order that we might make the fairer beginning on this new course, and in consideration of the fact that for many years this part of the Diocese had, to a very great extent, borne the burden of the missionary work of the West, I directed our Treasurer, in closing his accounts the first of last October, to pay off the balance due on account of Diocesan Missions out of a cash balance on hand of the Hix Fund. I had a perfect right to do this at my own discretion in any case, but there was this special reason for it, that I had been for two years paying out of our general funds missionary salaries in the West specially chargeable on the Hix Fund, so far as that has any special character.

It will be important and interesting to learn from the Treasurer's report to this Convention how we have borne the burden of our missionary work during the six months ending March 31st, but at the time of writing this Address his report has not been printed.

A proposition will be made in this Convention, as I am informed, to change the method of administering our Diocesan Missions, and to put the whole work into the hands of the several Convocations, under the direction of the Bishop. This plan presents many obvious advantages, and would probably result in stimulating and developing the work very greatly, provided that the Convocations be able to carry it on. The chief objection which occurs to me, is that it may result in depriving the weaker portions of the Diocese of the assistance rendered under present arrangements by the stronger. At present the Convocations seem to have no real function in our Church life. I should be glad if they could be made more efficient and useful.

We should be devoutly thankful for the Divine blessing which has brought us through this year, and to another Convention with the ranks of our Clergy unthinned by death. We have had another year of opportunity and of privilege. But though we of the Clergy have been spared, God's Kingdom of Rest has not lacked its annual enrichment of those noblest and best of earth who have here been prepared for Him. The Diocese of North Carolina has to be thankful

for the good examples of many of those who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labors. As of others, so especially is this true in the case of that noble layman, the late Alexander Brodnax Galloway, of Elkin, recently taken from us. I make mention of him not because he remembered the Church and Diocese most liberally in the disposition of his estate, though that were cause sufficient in these days of indifference to such duty. He has a much greater claim upon our loving memory. He lived for many years removed from the privileges of the Church and its worship, with very infrequent opportunities of receiving its sacraments and ministrations; and his faithful devotion to the Church meant for him real hardship and suffering, to which a man of a less firm and tender nature would have been indifferent or insensible. But he never wavered in his devotion to truth and duty, and he never lost the sweetness and gentleness of his Christian charity for all. Some of us will never forget how, some years ago in this Convention, after an acrimonious debate upon a matter of great importance to the Diocese, he rose, and with the simplicity of a child reminded us that we should take at least a few moments to pray for God's guidance, before deciding such a matter. He is in peace in that life for which God had fitted him.

I will name two others lately taken from us, Mrs. Martha Elizabeth Lewis and Mrs. Frances Lennox Johnson, both of Christ Church, Raleigh. They were among the last of their generation, both from families identified with the Church in North Carolina from its very beginning, we may say, and both noble examples of that womanhood out of which has come all that is best in our life and society of to-day. Without undervaluing the good things of the present, we may yet believe that there was a beauty and sweetness peculiar to that old life of our country which the war swept away. The sphere of woman in those days was perhaps more contracted than it is now, but those of us whose ideals of womanliness were formed upon such women as those whom I have named, and others of their kind whom I will not trust myself to name, shall never again see anything in this world which shall seem quite the same to us. Culture without consciousness; dignity without affectation; ability to deal successfully with practical affairs, coupled with unaffected humility and grace, which made their subjection to their husbands their greatest power and their greatest happiness; a mother's eye and hand to guide and to develop

their sons into noble men, while they remained the gentlest of women, and piety which never examined itself to find out its own excellence—these were some of the qualities which made up their characters. Their noble ambition was to do their duty in that state of life to which it had pleased God to call them; and they thought that God had made the bearing and rearing of children their greatest honor and their highest joy. Such were the holy women of old of whom St. Peter wrote, and such were our mothers in this fair land. May God continue their kind, and purge out of our boasted civilization all that is contrary to it!

I cannot conclude without referring to the Conference of the Anglican Episcopate to be held in London during July and August next. The Archbishop of Canterbury has sent invitations to all Bishops of the Church of England and of the American Church to meet at that time to take counsel together for the common interests of the Church. To accept that invitation and to make that distant journey, involves a vast amount of trouble, of expense, and the prolonged absence from their pastoral work of all those who attend the Conference. It may well be asked, what practical good can be accomplished to justify this? When I look at my own field and see work all around me calling to be done, I do not see how I can justify myself in so prolonged an absence. And yet, when I lift up my eyes and look at the wonderful spectacle presented by the Anglican Church throughout the world, I feel that I cannot hold back when I am called upon to do anything towards accomplishing the great destiny which seems to be before us. One hundred years ago, besides the Bishops in England, there were seven in the United States and one, I believe, in Canada. That was all. Now two hundred and fifty in every continent and in the isles of the sea represent and continue the ancient Apostolic Church of our race. The English-speaking race is taking possession of this world, and at the present rate of increase it will be but a short time, as time counts in the life of nations and of the world, until the Latin peoples and the Latin Church, must yield in extent and influence to the Anglican. The Lambeth Conference aspires after no legislative power. It is what it calls itself, a Conference only. But it is a visible manifestation of the wonderful growth and expansion of the Church; it has been the means of increasing the power and influence of the Church for good in all parts of the world, by creating a unity of sentiment and of purpose in all its widely scattered branches; and, doubt-

less, it affords one of the most practical and ready methods whereby the Church in the future may be helped to see and to accomplish the great purposes which God has in store for us. It is my desire and purpose, if possible, to attend this Conference, and I hereby request the Clergy of this Diocese to use, during the month of July, with reference to this important meeting, the prayers used at the meetings of Convention, the prayer for the unity of God's people, and the prayer for Missions.

And now, my dear brethren, asking God's blessing upon our labors in His cause, and His pardon for our many faults and shortcomings, I submit this imperfect account of my own services and of the situation and needs of the Diocese.

JOS. BLOUNT CHESHIRE, JR.,
Bishop of North Carolina.

APPENDIX B.

PAROCHIAL, MISSIONARY AND OTHER REPORTS.

Ansonville, All Souls' Church; the Rev. CHARLES FETTER, Minister in Charge.

Families 8. Baptized persons 35. Baptisms: infant 2; adult 2; total 4. Confirmed 4. Communicants: last reported 14; admitted 2; present number 16; Sunday-school teachers 5; scholars 18. Public service: on Sundays 19; other days 6. Holy Communion 3.

Church sittings 150.

Value of church \$1,500; other church property \$500—total \$2,000.

Receipts—Communion alms \$2.60; other offerings at church services \$4.46; Sunday-school offerings \$11.24; other sources \$34—total \$52.30.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Minister's salary \$90; current expenses \$2; improvements and repairs \$500—total \$592.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$6.

General: Sewanee \$5. *Aggregate* \$603.

Battleboro, St. John's Church; the Rev. GASTON BATTLE, Minister in Charge.

Families 14; Baptized persons 48; Baptisms: infant, 3; adult 1—Total 4. Confirmed 5. Marriages 2. Burials 5. Communicants: last reported 22; admitted 4; received 2; present number 28. Sunday-school teachers 5; scholars 28. Other Parish Agencies: Church Aid Society, Woman's Auxiliary, Junior Auxiliary. Public services; on Sundays 56; other days 68. Holy Communion 5.

Church sittings 200.

Value of church \$1,750; other church property \$500—total \$2,250. Insurance \$1,000.

Receipts—Communion alms \$5. Other offerings at church services \$40.12. Sunday-school offerings \$2.87. Parish societies \$50—total \$97.99.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Minister's salary \$35. Improvement and repairs \$50—total \$85.

Diocesan: Thompson Orphanage \$6.93. Convocation \$2—total \$8.93.

General: General Missions 94 cents. *Aggregate* \$94.87.

Burlington, St. Athanathius' Church; the Rev. H. HOBART BARBER, Rector.

Families 18. Baptized persons 131. Baptisms: infant 14; adult 5—total 19. Confirmed 6. Burials 5. Communicants: last reported 45; admitted 6; received 1; restored 4; died 1; removed 2; present number

53. Sunday-school teachers 4; scholars 31. Other Parish Agency: Altar Guild. Public services: Twice or thrice on all Sundays, also on all Tuesdays Wednesdays and Fridays; daily in Lent. Holy Communion: public, all Sundays and other holy days; private 1.

Church sittings 200.

Value of church \$1,200; rectory \$2,000; other church property \$2,000—total \$5,200. Insurance \$2,400.

Receipts—Communion alms \$45.05. Other offerings at church services \$747.95. Sunday-school offerings \$21.88. Pledges and subscriptions \$1,408.65—total \$2,223.53.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Minister's salary \$925. Current expenses \$83.73. Miscellaneous \$52.80—total \$1,061.53.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$102. Diocesan Missions \$444.55. Education Fund \$56.77. Thompson Orphanage \$20.42. Convocation \$16.84—total \$640.58.

General: General Missions \$26.83. Domestic Missions \$85.65. Foreign Missions \$126.60. Jewish Missions \$5.35. Clergy Retiring Fund \$108. Widows and Orphans Fund \$110.31. American Church Building Fund \$54.27—total \$517.01. *Aggregate* \$2, 219.12.

Since last October the Rector has preached once a month at Alamanca Mills. He cannot forbear to mention the courtesy and consideration which have been shown him by this Lutheran community. The congregations are always large and attentive.

Chapel Hill, Chapel of the Cross; the Rev. THOMAS EDWARD WINECOFF, Rector.

Families 14. Baptized persons 45. Whole number of persons 48. Confirmed 2. Communicants: last reported 27; admitted 2; received 3; removed 6; present number 35. Sunday-school teachers 5; scholars 28. Other Parish agencies: St. Andrew's Brotherhood; Woman's Auxillary; Altar Guild. Public services: on Sunday 92; other days 56. Holy Communion 26.

Church sittings 200.

Value of church \$5,000; rectory \$1,500—total \$6,500. Insurance (Rectory) \$500. Indebtedness on property \$200.

Receipts—Offerings at church services \$275.86. Sunday-school offerings \$2.87. Special for Mission \$27.85. Subscriptions \$325—total \$631.58.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Minister's salary \$370. Current expenses \$92.11. Improvements and repairs \$30.21. Insurance \$5. Parochial Mission \$25—total \$522.32.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$66. Diocesan Missions \$15.79. Thompson Orphanage \$8—total \$89.79.

General: General Missions \$2.87. Foreign Missions \$11.31. Clergy Retiring Fund \$5.29—total \$19.47. *Aggregate* \$631.58.

In the above count of Communicants I have included only those of the University students who were confirmed here and have not been

formally transferred to their home Parish—six in all, though I have no doubt most of these, as well as other Communicants among the students, are reported from their home Parish. In one part the number of services held is estimated, though very closely, owing to the lack of any definite record of services up to September 15, 1896, when the present Rector took charge.

Charlotte, Memorial Chapel of St. Mary the Virgin: The Rev. EDWIN A. OSBORNE, Chaplain.

Baptized persons 50. Baptisms: infant 4. Confirmed 5. Communicants: last reported 25; removed 10; present number 15. Parish school teachers 1; scholars 45. Other Parish Agencies: Daughters of the King and two Guilds. Public services: on Sundays 50; other days 150. Holy Communion 24.

Church sittings 200.

Value of church \$2,300.

Receipts—Communion alms \$12.64. Sunday-school offerings \$3.20—total \$20.84.

Disbursements—*Diocesan*: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$4.60. Diocesan Missions \$5.56. Church Building Fund 50 cents. Education Fund 15 cents. Relief Fund 50 cents—total \$11.31.

General: General Missions \$8.20. Armenians \$1.33—total \$9.53. *Aggregate* \$20.84.

Charlotte, Chapel of St. Michael and All Angels (colored); the Rev. P. P. ALSTON, Minister in Charge.

Families 17. Baptized persons 114. Baptisms: infant 4; adult 1—total 5. Confirmed 12. Marriage 1. Burials 3. Communicants: last reported 71; admitted 12; removed 1; present number 82. Sunday-school teachers 8; scholars 128. Parish school teachers 2; scholars 125. Industrial school teachers 1; scholars 66. Other Parish Agencies: Woman's Auxiliary, Brotherhood of St. Andrew. Altar Guild. Public services: on Sundays 86; other days 75. Holy Communion: public 16; private 1. Chapel sittings 250.

Value of church \$1,500; other church property \$938—total \$2,438.

Receipts—Communion alms \$10.25. Other offerings at church services \$168.54. Sunday-school offerings \$33.97. Woman's Auxiliary \$14; Altar Guild \$15. Other sources \$38—total \$279.76.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Alms \$10.25. Minister's salary \$84.36. Current expenses \$45.20. Sunday-school expenses \$9—total \$148.81.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$10. Diocesan Missions \$3.06. Good Samaritan Hospital \$9.20—total \$22.26. *Aggregate* \$171.07.

I wish to say that we are struggling very hard to raise the means necessary to finish our church, therefore we are able to give to a very few of the objects herein mentioned. We should be very glad to have

some help from the Diocese in our efforts to finish our church. We also need very much to have our Parish school fund increased, in order to carry on our work more successfully.

Charlotte, St. Peter's Church; the Rev. CHARLES LORENZO HOFFMANN, Rector.

Families 108. Baptized persons 575. Baptisms: infant 17; adult 3—total 20. Confirmed 13. Marriages 5. Burials 10. Communicants: last reported 297; admitted 13; received 8; died 3; removed 4; withdrawn 2; present number 309. Sunday-school teachers 25; scholars 200. Other Parish Agencies: Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Woman's Guild, Daughters of the King, Thompson Orphanage Guild, Home and Hospital, Good Samaritan Hospital (colored), Woman's Auxiliary, Junior Auxiliary. Public services: on Sundays 100; other days 150. Holy Communion: public 49; private 3. Church sittings 550; chapel sittings 300.

Value of church \$25,000; chapels \$2,500—total \$27,500. Insurance \$10,500.

Receipts—Alms \$28.12. Other offerings at church services \$1,849.68. Boys' Guild \$20. Subscriptions \$1,930.80—total \$3,828.60.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Minister's salary \$1,455. Current expenses \$687.25. Improvements and repairs \$95.30. On church debt \$1,136.58—total \$3,374.13.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$51.40. Diocesan Missions \$30.19. Thompson Orphanage \$118.61. Convocation \$14.55. Hospitals \$27.59—total \$242.34.

General: Foreign Missions \$30.33. Jewish Missions \$11.30—total \$41.63. *Aggregate* \$3,658.10.

The work done at the two chapels, St. Martin's and Chapel of Hope, is included in this report.

Concord, All Saints' Church; the Rev. J. CARMON DAVIS, Rector.

Baptisms: infant, white 11; colored 31—total 42. Confirmed 5. Marriage 1. Communicants: last reported 40; removed, colored 5; present number, white 24; colored 11. Sunday-school teachers: white 3; colored 4; scholars, white 20; colored 62. Parish teachers: colored 3; scholars 82. Parish Agency: Daughters of the King. Public services: on Sundays 85; other days 93. Holy Communion 42.

Church sittings 200; Chapel sittings 225.

Value of church \$3,000; Chapel \$500; other church property \$700—total \$4,200. Indebtedness on church \$450; on Chapel \$400.

Receipts—Communion alms \$23.05; other offerings at church services \$69.90. Sunday-school offerings \$9.91. Daughters of the King \$95.80. Other sources \$713.29—total \$911.95.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Alms and charities \$64.05. Minister's

salary \$553.21. Current expenses \$89.84. Improvements and repairs \$74.50. On debt \$70. Miscellaneous \$4.50—total \$856.10.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$15. Diocesan Missions \$15. Thompson Orphanage \$16.15. Convocation \$1.20—total \$47.35.

General: Jewish Missions \$6.62. Widows and Orphans Fund \$1.25—total \$7.87. *Aggregate* \$911.32.

Cunningham's Chapel; The Rev. FRED. A. FETTER, Minister in Charge.

Families 4. Baptized persons 22. Baptism: infant 1. Communicants 13. Sunday-school teachers 3; scholars 35. Public services: on Sundays 13. Holy Communion 3.

Chapel sittings 250.

Value of chapel \$1,000. Endowments \$75—total \$1,075.

Receipts—Communion alms \$3.61. Other offerings at church service \$3.82. Sunday-school offerings \$4.03—total \$11.46.

Disbursements—*Parochial:* Minister's salary \$150.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$12. Diocesan Missions \$1. Education Fund \$1.55. Relief Fund 66 cents. Thompson Orphanage \$10—total \$25.21.

General: General Missions \$3. *Aggregate* \$178.21.

Durham, St. Philip's Church; The Rev. ALDRED A. PRUDEN, Rector.

Families 60. Baptized persons 272. Whole number of persons 460. Baptisms: infant 10; adult 9—total 19. Confirmed 34. Marriages 2. Burials 5. Communicants: last reported 137; admitted 34; received 10; restored 2; died 2; removed 9; suspended 2; present number 170. Sunday-school teachers 10; scholars 109. Other Parish Agencies: Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Woman's Auxiliary. Ladies' Aid Society, Altar Guild, St. Philip's Guild. Public services: on Sundays 107; other days 110. Holy Communion: public 32; private 2.

Church sittings 250.

Value of church \$3,000; rectory \$1,500; other church property \$1,600—total \$6,100. Insurance \$4,150.

Receipts—Communion alms \$83.46. Other offerings at church services \$2,749.90. Sunday-school offerings \$45. Ladies' Aid Society \$134.51. St. Philip's Guild \$50. Brotherhood of St. Andrew \$150. Woman's Auxiliary \$25—total \$3,237.87.

Disbursements—*Parochial:* Alms \$90.30. Parish Missions \$150. Minister's salary \$1,000. Current expenses \$174.70. Improvements and repairs \$202.81. New organ \$1,269.32. Miscellaneous \$128.60—total \$3,015.73.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$96. Diocesan Missions \$64.68. Thompson Orphanage \$33.23—total \$193.91.

General: General Missions \$5.55. Domestic Missions \$14.15—total \$19.70. *Aggregate* \$3,229.34.

Edgecombe County, St. Mary's Church; the Rev. GIRARD W. PHELPS, Minister in Charge.

Families 7. Baptized persons 38. Baptisms: infant, 3; adult 4—total 7. Communicants 10. Sunday-school teachers 3; scholars 12. Public services: on Sunday 24; other days 4. Holy Communion 4.

Value of church \$700.

Disbursements—Parochial: Minister's salary \$100.

At St. Mary's Mission, during the past year, services morning and night, have always been well attended, and the work seems to be one of much promise.

Enfield, Church of the Advent.

[For approximate statistics, see Tables.]

Gaston, St. Luke's Church; The Rev. GIRARD W. PHELPS, Minister in Charge.

Families 3. Baptized persons 17. Whole number of persons 18. Burial 1. Communicants: last reported 15; died 1; removed 5; present number 9. Sunday-school teachers 2; scholars 6. Other Parish Agency: Ladies' Auxiliary. Public services: on Sundays 11. Holy Communion 5.

Church sittings 150.

Value of church \$1,200.

Disbursements—Parochial: Minister's salary \$25.13.

I wish I could say something encouraging as to the future prospect of St. Luke's. But thus far I have found little to encourage much hope for us in the near future. If we can hold on for a while, there may be developments in our favor, at least I so hope, in a few years. In a little more than a year we have lost by death a gentleman and his wife, who were ever liberal helpers at St. Luke's. And we sorely miss them. Another obstacle to us is, that several of our members live at such a distance from the church as seldom to be able to get there. And to add to all this, last year the farmers on the Roanoke river suffered great losses by freshets, and therefore find it no easy matter to meet their obligations.

Germanton, St. Philip's Church; The Rev. JAMES H. WILLIAMS, Minister in Charge.

Families 8. Baptized persons 31. Baptism: infant 1. Communicants: last reported 20; removed 1; present number 19. Holy Communion: quarterly.

Church sittings 200.

Value of church \$1,100.

Disbursements—Parochial: Minister's salary \$72.27. Current expenses \$5. Parochial Mission \$4.50—total \$81.77.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$6. Aggregate \$87.77.

Goshen, St. Paul's Church: The Rev. J. M. HORNER, late Minister in Charge.

Families 5. Baptized persons 17. Communicants 6. Public services: on Sundays 5. Holy Communion 2.

Church sittings 150.

Value of church \$500.

Receipts—Communion Alms \$1.25. Other offerings at church services \$3. Other sources \$39.28—total \$43.53.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Minister's salary \$25.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$8.60. Diocesan Missions \$5.70—total \$14.30.

General: General Missions \$4.23. *Aggregate* \$43.53.

The church has been without services since September, 1896.

Greensboro, St. Andrew's Church; the Rev. J. D. MILLER, Rector.

Families 30. Baptized persons 160. Baptisms: infant 5. Confirmed 10. Marriages 4. Burials 2. Communicants: last reported 114; admitted 4; received 11; died 1; removed 22; withdrawn 6; present number 100. Sunday-school teachers 11; scholars 100. Other Parish Agencies: Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Ladies' Aid Society, The Mary B. Glenn Society. Public services: on Sundays 115; other days 50. Holy Communion 27.

Church sittings 250.

Value of church \$3,500. Insurance \$2,000. Indebtedness on property \$1,200.

Receipts—Communion alms \$6.92. Other offerings at church services \$573.02. Sunday-school offerings \$10.73. Mission pledges \$42.05. Other sources \$47.58—total \$680.30.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Alms \$6.92. Minister's salary \$377.68. Current expenses \$81.85. Interest on church debt \$72. Insurance \$46—total \$584.45.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$24. Diocesan Missions \$51.10. Thompson Orphanage \$6.80—total \$81.90.

General: Foreign Missions \$9. Jewish Missions \$1.85. Widows and Orphans Fund \$3.10—total \$13.95. *Aggregate* \$680.30.

It seems almost impossible to build up a Parish where people do not stay in a place long enough to become interested in its work. The main human factor in that upbuilding has been lost in the death of Mrs. Jas. D. Glenn. Regular communicants who have been to Holy Communion in last year, 87.

Greensboro, St. Barnabas' Church; the Rev. HORACE WEEKS JONES, Rector.

Families 55. Baptized persons 160. Baptisms: infant 9; adult 2—total 11. Confirmed 3. Marriages 3. Communicants: last reported

90; admitted 3; received 11; removed 7; present number 97. Sunday-school teachers 4; scholars 33. Other Parish Agencies: Ladies' Aid Society, Woman's Auxiliary, Brotherhood of St. Andrew. Public services: on Sundays 119; other days 115. Holy Communion: public 45; private 1.

Church sittings 300.

Value of church \$3,500. Other church property \$2,060—total \$5,560. Insurance \$2,000.

Receipts—Communion alms \$4.66. Other offerings at church services \$244.87. Sunday-school offerings \$12.30. Other sources \$584.70—total \$846.53.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Alms \$23.05. Parish Missions \$4.66. Minister's salary \$500. Current expenses \$97.80. Improvements and repairs \$62.43. Miscellaneous \$36.70—total \$724.64.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$48. Diocesan Missions \$21.08. Thompson Orphanage \$10. Convocation \$8.63—total \$87.70.

General: General Missions \$16.94. Domestic Missions \$6.02. Colored Missions \$1.10. Jewish Missions \$2.95. Clergy Retiring Fund \$3.34. Widows and Orphans Fund \$3.34. Miscellaneous 50 cents—total \$34.19. *Aggregate* \$846.53.

A lot for church and rectory has been purchased. Donations for this object are not included in this report. Work has begun on the rectory.

Greensboro, St. Cuthbert's Chapel; the Rev. HORACE WEEKS JONES, Minister in Charge.

Families 6. Baptized persons 16. Baptism: infant 1. Marriage 1. Communicants 9. Sunday-school teachers 3; scholars 40. Public services: on Sundays 41; other days 23. Holy Communion 1.

Chapel sittings 300.

Value of chapel \$700. Other church property \$50—total \$750.

Receipts—Offerings at church services \$25. Sunday-school offerings \$2.75—total \$27.75.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Current expenses \$2.75. Improvements and repairs \$25—total \$27.75.

Gulf, St. Mark's Church.

Communicants 4. Church sittings 100. Value of church \$350. Other church property \$250—total \$600.

Halifax, St. Mark's Church; the Rev. WALTER J. SMITH, Rector.

Families: white 10; colored 2. Baptized persons, white 51; colored 10—total 61. Baptisms: infant, white 2; colored 1; adult, white 1. Communicants: last reported 35; withdrawn 1; present number, white 32; colored 2. Sunday-school teachers 4; scholars 10. Other Parish Agencies:

Woman's Auxiliary. Junior Auxiliary. St. Mark's Guild. Public services: on Sundays 19; other days 2. Holy Communion: public 9; private 1. Church sittings 150.

Value of church \$1,500.

Receipts—Communion alms \$1.89. Other offerings at church services \$38.71. St. Mark's Guild \$2. Woman's Auxiliary \$4.12. Junior Auxiliary \$3.92. Other sources \$92.66—total \$143.30.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Minister's salary \$51.25. (Current expenses \$16.80. Improvements and repairs \$25—total \$93.05.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$11. Diocesan Missions \$3.41. Church Building Fund \$1.91. Education Fund 57 cents. Relief Fund \$1.22. Thompson Orphanage \$6. Convocation Evangelist Fund \$5—total \$29.11.

General: General Missions \$7.50. Domestic Missions \$1.76. Foreign Missions \$1.41. Sewanee \$2.09. Valle Crucis \$3.19—total \$15.95. *Aggregate* \$138.11.

The services reported do not include those held by the Lay Readers. During the past year the church has been reshingled, through the efforts of the ladies. No visit from the Bishop.

Henderson, Church of the Holy Innocents; the Rev. JULIAN E. INGLE, Rector.

Families 65. Baptized persons 320. Baptisms: infant 6; adult 2—total 8. Confirmed 17. Marriages 6. Burials 12. Communicants: last reported 147; admitted 16; received 3; died 8; removed 10; present number, white 146; colored 2. Sunday-school teachers 10; scholars 69. Other Parish Agencies: Guilds and Auxiliaries, Cadets of St. Andrew. Public services: twice or thrice on all Sundays and other Holy Days; Evening Prayer daily throughout the year. Holy Communion: public all Sundays and other Holy Days; private 5.

Church sittings 350.

Value of church \$12,000; rectory \$3,000; endowments \$220; other church property \$550—total \$15,770. Insurance \$7,500. Indebtedness on property \$10. On Rector's salary \$147. Other indebtedness \$63.

Receipts—Communion alms \$34.65. Other offerings at church services \$1,032.21. Sunday-school offerings \$158.29. Parish Societies: Ladies Guild \$70.20; Woman's Auxiliary \$21.76; Junior Auxiliary \$24.75—total \$116.71. Other sources \$646.14—total \$1,988.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Alms \$29. Minister's salary \$718.80. Current expenses \$210.28. Improvements and repairs \$62.22. On endowments \$70.20—total \$1,090.50.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$92. Permanent Episcopal Fund \$80. Diocesan Missions \$77. Church Building Fund \$1. Education Fund \$2. Relief Fund \$2. Thompson Orphanage \$331. Aged Clergy \$12. Mayodan Chapel \$7—total \$604.

General: General Missions \$188. Domestic Missions \$5. Foreign Missions \$29. Colored Missions \$1. Indian Missions \$1. Jewish Missions \$11. Sewanee \$8. Clergy Retiring Fund \$18. Widows and Orphans Fund \$12. American Church Building Fund \$5. Valle Crucis \$12.50; Old Fort \$3—total \$293.50. *Aggregate* \$1,988.

The Financial Statement which has heretofore been closed on the 31st of March, is in this report brought down to the last day of April, so that the period covered includes thirteen months.

High Point, St. Mary's Church; the Rev. J. H. WILLIAMS. Minister in charge since January last.

Families 12. Communicants: last reported 17; present number 23. Sunday-school teachers 6; scholars 25. Public services: every second Sunday and the Monday following. Holy Communion: public 2; private 1.

Church sittings 250.

Value of church \$2,500. Indebtedness on property \$1,300.

Disbursements—Parochial: Minister's salary for 4 months \$28.51. Current expenses \$5. Improvements and repairs \$2—total \$35.51.

General: Foreign Missions \$2.28. *Aggregate* \$37.79.

Statistics are from January only.

Hillsboro, St. Matthew's Church; the Rev. S. PAXSON WATTERS. Rector.

Families 27. Baptized persons 92. Baptisms: infant, white 5; colored 1—total 6. Marriages 2. Burials 5. Communicants: last reported 67; received 1; restored 7; died 2; removed 3; present number 70; Sunday-school teachers 5; scholars 23. Other Parish Agencies: Parish Aid Society, Woman's Auxiliary, Junior Auxiliary, Altar Guild. Public services: on Sundays 139; other days 90. Holy Communion: public 18; private 2.

Church sittings 250; chapel sittings 75.

Value of church \$7,000; chapel \$330; rectory \$1,200; endowments \$133; other church property \$1,342—total \$10,005. Insurance \$2,500. Indebtedness \$20.

*Receipts—*Communion alms \$24.66. Other offerings at church services \$409.27. Junior Auxiliary and Sunday-school \$55.93. Parish societies \$100. Legacy \$1,341.71. Other sources \$732 32—total \$2,663.89.

Disbursements—Parochial: Alms \$16.49. Minister's salary \$528.96. Current expenses \$144.38. Improvements and repairs \$229.17—total \$919.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$132. Diocesan Missions \$60.43. Education Fund \$3.32. Relief Fund \$5.21. Thompson Orphanage \$23.10—total \$224.06.

General: General Missions \$42.75. Domestic Missions \$16.37. For-

eight Missions \$5.23. Special Missions \$15. Jewish Missions \$4.71. Sewanee \$5.34—total \$89.40. *Aggregate* \$1,232.46.

The present Rector entered upon his duties December 15, 1896. Official acts since this date included in above report.

Iredell County, St. James' Church; the Rev. R. BRUCE OWENS, Rector.

Whole number of persons 113. Baptism: infant 1. Burial 1. Communicants: last reported 71; died 1; present number 70. Sunday-school teachers 4; scholars 20. Public services: on Sundays 10; other days 3. Holy Communion 5.

Church sittings 250.

Value of church \$500.

Disbursements—Parochial: Minister's salary \$42.50.

Diocesan: Diocesan Missions 67 cents; Relief Fund 35 cents; Thompson Orphanage \$1—total \$2.02.

General: General Missions 80 cents. *Aggregate* \$45.32.

I have held services regularly once each month at a school-house about six miles east of St. James'. A good congregation has been gathered, and the people seem interested in the church.

Jackson, Church of the Saviour; the Rev. W. T. PICARD, Deacon
Officiating.

Families 20. Whole number of persons 89. Burials 3. Communicants 40. Sunday-school teachers 6; scholars 20. Public services: Sundays and Wednesdays, Fridays during Lent, and principal church days. Holy Communion 3.

Value of church property \$1,675.

Receipts—Communion alms \$8.45. Other offerings at church services \$106.61. Sunday-school offerings in Lent \$19.51. Other sources \$21.35—total \$155.92.

Disbursements—Parochial: Current expenses \$11.43.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$60. Church Building Fund \$2.50. Education Fund \$1.25. Relief Fund \$2.50. Thompson Orphanage \$13.85. Convocation \$3.70—total \$83.80.

General: General Missions \$10.31. Domestic Missions \$2.50. Foreign Missions \$1.80. Colored Missions \$2. Indian Missions \$2. Jewish Missions \$2. Sewanee \$2.25. Clergy Retiring Fund \$3.50. Widows and Orphans Fund \$3.50. American Church Building Fund \$2.50. Miscellaneous \$32.51—total \$64.87. *Aggregate* \$160.10.

Kittrell, St. James' Church and Bishop Atkinson Memorial Mission; the Rev. JAMES BATTLE AVERITT, Rector.

Families 50. Baptized persons 105. Baptisms: infant 1; adult 2—total 3. Confirmed 5. Marriage 1. Communicants: last reported 44;

admitted 5; present number 49. Sunday-school teachers 6; scholars 30. Other Parish Agencies: Woman's Parish Aid Association; Association for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Public services: on Sundays 36; other days 42. Holy Communion: public 20; private 2.

Church sittings 150.

Value of church \$1,200; rectory \$800; endowments \$2,600; other church property \$200—total \$4,800.

Receipts—Communion alms \$60.27. Other offerings at church services \$11.87. Sunday-school offerings \$4.11. Other sources \$538.92—total \$615.17.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Minister's salary \$200. Current expenses \$60.27—total \$260.27.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$15.35. Diocesan Missions \$13. Thompson Orphanage \$14.57—total \$42.92.

General: Foreign Missions \$4.11. Jewish Missions \$1—total \$5.11. *Aggregate* \$303.30.

The rector continues to receive the very timely and acceptable aid of Mr. Baldy A. Capelhart as lay reader, by which St. James' is opened every Sunday for divine service. The whole parish was cheered by our ability to lay the corner-stone of the Bishop Atkinson Memorial Chapel on the 10th of October, 1896, at which very beautiful and largely-attended service the Bishop and Rev. Messrs. Junius M. Horner and M. M. Marshall assisted the rector, Dr. Marshall preaching the sermon and the rector laying the stone; Dr. Carr, of Durham, making an address on the Church's work in the field of missions, and Captain J. B. Hunter making an address of welcome to the visiting brethren, clerical and lay.

Lawrence, Grace Memorial Chapel; the Rev. GIRARD W. PHELPS, Minister in Charge.

Families 3. Baptized persons 15. Baptisms: adult 9. Confirmed 3. Burials 3. Communicants 7. Sunday-school teachers 5; scholars 60. Public services: on Sundays 12.

Chapel sittings 200.

Value of chapel \$1,500.

Receipts—Offerings at church services \$64.44.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Minister's salary \$100.

Diocesan: Diocesan Missions \$3.25. Thompson Orphanage \$4—total \$7.25.

General:—General Missions \$2.57. *Aggregate* \$109.82.

At this place Mr. S. S. Nash keeps up a Sunday-school, and he is really doing a good work. And one of our great needs to-day, is of numbers of such faithful laborers for the Master as Mr. Nash is. Our church work would not then so languish and drag, for lack of means and men, as it now does. It is no little thing to go into a community where nearly everything is against us, and to organize a Sunday-school, get a church

built, get the people interested, and get in a fair way to securing a membership of a permanent sort, to hold the place and continue the work—and this is what Mr. Nash has done at Lawrence.

Leaksville, Church of the Epiphany; the Rev. FREDERICK A. FETTER, Rector.

Families 10. Baptized persons 47. Baptisms: infant 2. Burial 1. Communicants: last reported 33; removed 6; present number 27. Sunday-school teachers 3; scholars 22. Other Parish Agencies: Woman's Auxiliary; Junior Auxiliary; Babies' Branch. Public services: on Sundays 31. Holy Communion 6.

Church sittings 200.

Value of church \$1,000; rectory \$1,000; other church property \$200—total \$2,200. Insurance \$1,500.

Receipts—Communion alms \$15.63. Other offerings at church services \$30.42. Sunday-school offerings \$10.60. Parish societies \$13.25—total \$69.90.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Alms \$2. Minister's salary \$186.22. Current expenses \$23.77. Improvements and repairs \$4.65—total \$216.64.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$15. Diocesan Missions \$3. Relief Fund \$2.75. Thompson Orphanage \$3.25—total \$24.

General: General Missions \$6. *Aggregate* \$246.64.

The above report is for eleven months, the duration of my present rectorship.

Luxington, Church of the Redemption; the Rev. J. C. DAVIS, Minister in Charge.

Baptism: infant 1. Communicants: last report 13; died 1; present number 12. Public services: on Sundays 24. Holy Communion 6.

Church sittings 125.

Value of church \$1,000.

Receipts—Communion alms \$5. Other offerings at church services \$11.96. Other sources \$167—total \$183.96.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Minister's salary \$175. Current expenses \$2.75. Miscellaneous \$1.25—total \$179.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$12. Diocesan Missions \$4.99—total \$16.99. *Aggregate* \$195.99.

No Episcopal visitation during the year.

Littleton, Chapel of the Cross; the Rev. GIRARD W. PHELPS, Minister in Charge.

Families 7. Baptized persons 28. Baptisms: infant 3. Confirmed 2. Marriage 1. Burial 1. Communicants: last report 25; died 1; removed 5; present number 19. Sunday-school teachers 4; scholars 15. Parish school teacher 1; scholars 10. Public services: on Sundays 23; other days 27. Holy Communion 10.

Church sittings 150.

Value of church \$700; rectory \$700—total \$1,400. Indebtedness: on property \$400.

Receipts—Sunday-school offerings at Easter \$10.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Minister's salary \$75. Improvements and repairs \$13.75—total \$88.75.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$11.50. Diocesan Missions \$10.62. Thompson Orphanage \$2—total \$24.12.

General: Domestic Missions \$12. Jewish Missions \$1.50—total \$13.50. *Aggregate* \$126.37.

I have preached five times at Weldon, twice at Roanoke Rapids, seven times at Rocky Mount, Scotland Neck three times, Spring Hill and Penitentiary farm once each, Tillery three times, Jackson twice and fourteen times at school-houses and places where I thought I could subserve the interest of the Church; and have baptized three children. Everywhere the people appear ready to listen and anxious to hear the Word of Life, and I constantly feel that there is a joyous day opening for the Church

The baptisms above reported occurred at points from which no formal report is rendered.

Littleton, Mission Chapel (colored); the Rev. WILLIAM WALKER, Minister in charge. Mr. VIRGIL N. BOND, Lay Reader.

Families 7. Baptized persons 25. Baptisms: infant 3. Burials 2. Communicants: last reported 6, present number 7. Sunday-school teachers 3; scholars 56. Parish school teachers 3; scholars 91. Holy Communion 5.

Chapel sittings 150.

Value of chapel \$600; other church property \$50—total \$650. Insurance \$400.

Receipts—Communion alms \$2.82. Sunday-school offerings \$1.36. Other sources \$75—total \$79.18.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Alms \$1.25. Current expenses \$17.40. Improvements and repairs \$75—total \$93.65.

Mr. Bond has continued his work with great diligence during the past year, and only the lack of means prevents this Mission from developing to any extent. There is no reason why it should not be as flourishing an institution as any in the country, but the lack of means.

Louisburg, St. Matthias' Chapel (colored); the Rev. J. E. KING, Minister in Charge.

Families 5. Baptized persons 38. Whole number of persons 40. Baptisms: infant 1; adult 3—total 4. Confirmed 5. Communicants: last reported 28; admitted 5; withdrawn 1; suspended 1; present number 31. Sunday-school teachers 5; scholars 70. Parish school teachers

2: scholars 66. Other Parish Agencies: Church Aid: Altar Guild. Public services: on Sundays 14.

Chapel sittings 250.

Value of church \$2,000: other church property \$500—total \$2,500.

Receipts—Offerings at church services \$18. Sunday-school offerings \$12.45—total \$30.45.

Disbursements—Parochial: Current expenses \$25.70.

By appointment of the Bishop, I took charge of this work October 11, 1896. Since then I have visited it regularly once every month. Rev. Mr. Avirett has kindly celebrated the Holy Communion whenever convenient, and conducted such other services as have been held, at each of which he has preached. The Parish school, which up to a few months ago was taught in the chapel, has been removed to the school house. The Easter offering of the Sunday-school for Missions has been turned over to the Rev. Mr. Avirett, and will appear in his report.

Louisburg, St. Paul's Church; the Rev. JAMES BATTLE AVIRETT, Rector.

Families 28. Baptized persons 130. Baptisms: infant 5: adult 1—total 6. Confirmed 2. Marriage 1. Burials 5. Communicants: last reported 67; admitted 1; died 3; removed 1; present number 67. Sunday-school teachers 5; scholars 27. Other Parish Agencies: Woman's Auxiliary, Senior and Junior branches, and the Babies' branch of the same. Public services: on Sundays 78; other days 125. Holy Communion: public 34; private 2.

Church sittings 200.

Value of church \$1,500; rectory \$2,000; other church property \$200—total \$3,700. Insurance \$2,300.

Receipts—Communion alms \$40.05. Sunday-school offerings \$10.65. Woman's Auxiliary \$47.30. Junior Auxiliary \$5.75. Babies' branch, \$3.11. Other sources \$644.79—total \$751.65.

Disbursements—Parochial: Alms \$40.05. Minister's salary \$400. Current expenses \$40.16. Miscellaneous \$10—total \$490.21.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$25.28. Diocesan Missions \$38.69. Thompson Orphanage \$22.86—total \$86.83.

General: General Missions \$8.25. Domestic Missions \$7.71. Foreign Missions \$3.30—total \$19.26. *Aggregate* \$596.30.

Of the fund in parochial work with which to repair the church, on hand \$155.75. I am glad to say God has put in the heart of one daughter of the church so to swell that fund that before the summer is over we will have beautified the House of Prayer so as to gladden many hearts. Both in this Parish and St. James' I continue to do what work I can to build up the Church's work among the colored people.

Madison, St. John's Church; the Rev. J. H. WILLIAMS, Minister in Charge.

Families 5. Baptized persons 19. Whole number of persons 19. Confirmed 3. Communicants: last reported 13; admitted 3; present number 11. Sunday-school teachers 4; scholars 20.

Public services: on Sundays—one Sunday, 2 services; other days, Friday nights. Holy Communion quarterly.

Church sittings 300. Value of church property \$1,200.

Receipts—Communion alms \$6. Other offerings at church \$6. Sunday-school offerings \$3—total \$15.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Minister's salary \$150. Current expenses \$25—Total \$175.

Diocesan: Thompson Orphanage \$4. *Aggregate* \$179.

Mecklenburg County, Clarkson Memorial Chapel of St. Andrew, Sevensville; the Rev. EDWIN A. OSBORNE, Minister in Charge.

Communicants 9. Sunday-school under the management of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Public services every Sunday night; monthly in the morning, with a celebration of the Holy Communion.

Value of brick chapel and lot \$1,500.

Mecklenburg County, St. Mark's Church, Long Creek, the Rev. EDWIN A. OSBORNE, Minister in Charge.

Families 14. Baptized persons 95. Baptisms: infant 3. Confirmed 4. Marriage 1. Burials 2. Communicants: last reported 50; admitted 4; died 2; withdrawn 1; present number 51. Sunday-school teachers 4; scholars 40. Other Parish Agencies: Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Junior Auxiliary. Public services: on Sundays 28; other days 6. Holy Communion 8.

Church sittings 200.

Value of church \$2,500. other church property \$50—total \$2,550. Insurance \$350.

Receipts—Communion alms \$7.89. Other offerings at church services \$2.90. Sunday-school offerings \$1.78. Parish societies \$3. Subscriptions \$10.10—total \$25.67.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Minister's salary \$9.50. Current expenses \$3.54. On insurance 50 cents—total \$13.54.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$2.97. Diocesan Missions \$3.80. Thompson Orphanage \$1.50—total \$8.27.

General: General Missions \$1.78. Foreign Missions 50 cents. Armenians \$1.58—total \$3.86. *Aggregate* \$25.67.

The above financial statement shows mainly what has passed through my hands. The Rev. J. H. Griffith, Jr., had charge of the congrega-

tion until the last of November, 1896, during which time he received something on his salary, the exact amount of which I am not able to state at this time.

Middleburg, Chapel of the Heavenly Rest; the Rev. William S. Pettigrew, Minister in Charge.

Families 8. Baptized persons 30. Whole number of persons 40. Marriages 2. Communicants: last reported 28; present number 29. Sunday-school teachers 3; scholars 16. Public services: on Sundays 16. Holy Communion 4.

Chapel sittings 100.

Value of chapel \$500.

Disbursements—Parochial: Minister's salary \$33.99.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$7.60.

General: Domestic Missions \$4.40. *Aggregate* \$45.99.

Services, with sermons, have been given at various other points on fourteen occasions.

Milton, Christ Church; the Rev. FREDERICK A. FETTER, Minister in Charge.

Families 5. Baptized persons 12. Baptism: adult 1. Communicants: last reported 10; removed 2; suspended 1; present number 7. Sunday-school teachers 3; scholars 10. Public services: on Sundays 11. Holy Communion 2.

Church sittings 200.

Value of church \$1,600. Insurance \$1,000.

Receipts—Offerings at church services \$16.

Disbursements—Parochial: Minister's salary \$81.80. Current expenses \$5. Improvements and repairs \$4.50—total \$91.30.

Monroe, St. Paul's Church; the Rev. FRANCIS W. HILLIARD, Minister in Charge.

Families 20. Baptized persons 71. Baptisms: infant 2. Burials 2. Communicants: last reported 42; died 2; removed 5; present number 35. Sunday-school teachers 4; scholars 30. Other Parish Agencies; Brotherhood of St. Andrew; Woman's Auxiliary and Aid Society; Junior Auxiliary and Helping Hand, Babies' Branch. Public services: on Sundays 152; other days 126. Holy Communion: public 77; private 1.

Church sittings 150.

Value of church \$1,500; rectory \$1,200; other church property \$1,300—total \$4,000.

Receipts—Offerings at church services \$38.71. Other sources \$189.25—total \$277.96.

Disbursements—Parochial: Minister's salary \$164.25. Current expenses \$39.59—total \$203.84.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$25. Diocesan Missions \$15.60. Church Building Fund \$1. Education Fund \$1. Relief Fund \$1. Thompson Orphanage \$12.20. Convocation \$8.70—total \$64.50.

General: General Missions \$4.30. Jewish Missions 30 cents—total \$4.60. *Aggregate* \$272.94.

The above statistical report is somewhat discouraging. There are certain aspects of the work, which it could not show, that are more cheering. This is true of the town of Monroe. At Waxhaw and Marshville, where the church may be said to have been utterly unknown, and where occasional services have been held during the past year, the congregations have been large and interested, and the people have been making some use of the Prayer Books left among them. The Bishop has been unable to make a visitation, but a class is preparing for Confirmation.

Mount Airy Mission; the Rev. JAMES H. WILLIAMS, Minister in Charge.

Baptisms: infant 1; adult 1—total 2. Confirmed 4. Communicants: last reported 16; present number 25. Sunday-school teachers 4; scholars 20.

Church sittings 100.

Value of church \$1,872. Insurance \$1,000. Indebtedness on property \$1,002.

Receipts—Offerings at church services \$171.17. Sunday-school offerings \$8.77—total \$179.94.

Disbursements—*Parochial:* Minister's salary \$138.46. Current expenses \$2.40. Vestments \$4.50. Furniture in Vestry-room \$12.10. Books for Sunday-school \$1.52—total \$158.98.

Diocesan: Diocesan Missions \$8.40. *Aggregate* \$167.38.

Noise, St. Philip's Chapel (colored); the Rev. THOMAS B. BAILEY, Deacon Officiating.

Families 18. Baptized persons 108. Baptism: infant 1. Communicants 25. Sunday-school teachers 3; scholars 30. Parish school teachers 1; scholars 18. Public services: on Sundays 65; other days 13. Holy Communion: public 3; private 1.

Chapel sittings 200.

Value of chapel \$235; rectory \$200; other church property \$79. Insurance, formerly \$600.

Receipts—Communion alms \$1.48; Other offerings at church services \$1.33. Other sources \$5.05—total \$7.86.

Disbursements—*Parochial:* Minister's salary \$1.33.

General: General Missions \$2.80, Domestic Missions \$2.25—total \$5.05. *Aggregate* \$6.38.

The condition of our work in Noise is such that it is difficult to give an exact statement of affairs. Churchmanship is far below the average, which is due largely to the former religious training of the people. There is a deep-seated hatred to the church and her ways. But the slowness with which the Mission advances, I trust, is a sure sign of permanency. We have suffered the loss of one of our Mission houses by fire. Some wakeful incendiary applied the torch on the 30th of January. The Mission house had not been finished, and it remains now for the Diocese to take those steps which will be most conducive to the preservation of that Mission Station.

Orange County, St. Mary's Church; the Rev. S. PAXSON WATTERS.
Minister in Charge.

Families 12. Baptized persons 66. Communicants: last reported 31; removed 6; present number 25.

Church sittings 200.

Value of church \$1,000.

Disbursements—Parochial: Improvements and repairs \$10.

Assumed charge of St. Mary's Mission December 15, 1896. Public services and Holy Communion on the third Sunday in each month.

Oxford, St. Stephen's Church; the Rev. JAS. F. PLUMMER, Rector.

Families 32. Baptized persons 130. Baptisms: infant 11; adult 1—total 12. Confirmed 2. Burials: white 7; colored 1. Communicants: last reported 106; admitted 2; received 2; died 5; removed 3; lost in course of years 25; present number 75. Sunday-school teachers 4; scholars 30. Other Parish Agencies: Ladies' Aid Society and Woman's Auxiliary; Junior Auxiliary; Babies' Branch; Chancel Guild. Public services: exclusive of celebrations of Holy Communion, on Sundays 105; other days 58. Holy Communion: public 49; private 2.

Church sittings 300.

Value of church \$1,500; rectory \$2,500; other church property \$3,500—total \$7,500. Insurance \$2,500.

*Receipts—*Communion alms \$312.73; Other offerings at church services \$648.91; Sunday-school offering \$29; Ladies' Aid Society \$356.04; Woman's Auxiliary \$33.76; Junior Auxiliary \$109.79; other sources \$2,026.84—total \$3,517.07.

Disbursements—Parochial: Alms \$4. Parish Missions \$12. Minister's salary \$764.87. Current expenses \$141.76. Improvements and repairs \$48.75. New church building \$1,962.26—total \$2,933.64.

Diocesan: Episcopal and contingent fund \$28.04. Diocesan Missions \$56.46. Education Fund \$12.50. Thompson Orphanage \$18.82. For chapel at Fairport \$15.94—total \$131.76.

General: General Missions \$35.05. Domestic Missions \$13.78. Foreign Missions \$3.78. Armenian Relief Fund \$43.23. Jewish Missions \$3.81. Clergy Retiring Fund \$24. Widows and Orphans Fund \$3.17—Total \$126.82. *Aggregate* \$3,192.22.

A careful and thorough revision of the Communicant list, after nearly two years' Restorship, makes the present number, as reported, seventy-five. This includes all who have communicated at any time within the period of my incumbency. The difference between this number and the much larger number last reported, is classified as lost in course of years. The Horner Military School for boys, and the Francis Hilliard School for girls, while neither is canonically a Church institution, give this Parish exceptional advantage in the training of her youth, while the personnel of their Faculties renders each of them, in my judgment, unusually worthy the support and interest of Church people in general.

The Rev. J. M. Horner rendered the Parish valuable services in supplying the place of its Rector throughout the time of his illness in the summer of 1896.

The work of building the new church has progressed beyond my expectations. It is a heavy task for the Parish, which is now much weaker financially than it was when the work was first undertaken. We hope still, by God's blessings, to carry it on free from debt to a successful conclusion by the time of the dawning of the new century.

Pittsboro, St. Bartholomew's Church; the Rev. CHAS. T. BLAND, Rector.

Families 18. Baptized persons 61. Whole number of persons 63. Baptisms: infant, white 2; colored 1—total 3. Marriage 1. Burials, white 5; colored 1. Communicants: last reported 39; received 2; died 1; removed 1; present number 39. Sunday-school teachers 4; scholars 17. Public services: on Sundays 80; other days 49. Holy Communion: public 10; private 2.

Value of church \$2,000; rectory \$1,200—total \$3,200. Insurance \$2,000.

Receipts—Communion alms \$62.90. Other offerings at church services \$519 01—total \$581.91.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Minister's salary \$312.70. Current expenses \$60.65—total \$373.35.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$30.21. Diocesan Missions \$66.57. Church Building Fund \$4.45. Education Fund \$5. Thompson Orphanage \$13.32. Convocation \$3.31—total \$122.86.

General: General Missions \$45.67. Colored Missions \$2. Jewish Missions \$3.05. Sewanee \$7.45. Clergy Retiring Fund \$4. Widows and Orphans Fund \$3.13. American Church Building Fund \$4.15. Armenians \$16.25—total \$85.70. *Aggregate* \$581.91.

Pittsboro, St. James' Chapel (colored); the Rev. WILLIAM WALKER, Minister in Charge.

Baptisms: infant 2. Communicants: last reported 38; admitted 1; suspended 1; present number 38. Sunday school teachers 1; scholars 18. Parish school teachers 1; scholars 15. Public services: on Sundays 21; other days 3. Holy communion 13.

Chapel sittings 200.

Value of chapel \$1,200; other church property \$80—total \$1,280. Insurance \$600.

Receipts—Offerings at church services \$11.66. Sunday-school, Lenten \$2.84. Alms chest \$2. Other sources \$5—total \$21.50.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Current expenses \$10.18.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$7.20.

General: General Missions \$2.42. Colored Missions \$3.75—total \$6.17. Aggregate \$23.55.

I have had sole charge of this mission until the last of March, when the Rev. J. B. Bailey was removed from St. Philip's, Noise, to take charge of it. I hope that, with a resident clergyman, the mission will grow. The school has been opened by Mr. Bailey, but as yet there is only a small attendance.

Raleigh, Christ Church; the Rev. M. M. MARSHALL, D. D., Rector; the Rev. JAMES A. WESTON, Assistant Minister.

Families 150. Baptized persons 600. Whole number of persons 625. Baptisms: infant 13; adult 1—total 14. Confirmed 13. Marriages 5. Burials 12. Communicants: last reported 300; admitted 13; received 8; died 6; removed 15; present number 300. Sunday-school teachers 15; scholars 149. Other Parish Agencies: Relief Society, Woman's Auxiliary, Daughters of the King, Brotherhood of St. Andrew, St. Agnes' Guild, St. Timothy's Guild, and the little "Working Band." Public services: on Sundays 130; other days 155. Holy Communion: public 44; private 4.

Church sittings 600; chapel sittings 175.

Value of church \$30,000; chapel \$2,500; rectory \$10,000—total \$42,500. Indebtedness on property \$2,400.

Receipts—Communion alms \$132.50. Other offerings at church services \$724.16. Sunday-school offerings \$71.60. Relief Society \$181.45. St. Agnes' Guild \$270. St. Timothy's \$82. Woman's Auxiliary \$104.75. Daughters of the King \$443.50. Brotherhood of St. Andrew \$58.25. Other sources \$2,500—total \$4,568.21.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Alms \$313.53. Parish Missions \$275. Minister's salary \$1,680. Current expenses \$665.10. Improvements and repairs \$258—total \$3,191.63.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$330. Diocesan Missions \$327.23. Church Building Fund \$10.36. Education Fund \$11.30. Relief Fund \$7.48. Thompson Orphanage \$424.43—total \$1,110.80.

General: General Missions \$110.07. Domestic Missions \$93.98. Foreign Missions \$11. Colored Missions \$5. Jewish Missions \$12.32. Sewanee \$12.35. Aged and infirm Clergy and Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen \$15.31—total \$260.03. Aggregate \$4,562.46.

The school and Mission work at St. Saviour's Chapel is separately reported by the Assistant Minister, who has special charge of it. Monthly Sunday afternoon services are kept up at the Soldiers' Home, the Penitentiary and the Asylum for the Insane. As required by Canon, the Rector has also to report the marriage of a couple in Grace Church, Weldon, and of another in St. Matthias' Parish, Hillsboro, during vacancies in the Rectorship of those Parishes. He has also buried a child belonging to the Parish of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, in the absence of the Rector; and assisted at the burial of an adult in Hillsboro, and of another at Pittsboro—the last mentioned being the widow of the late Robert B. Sutton, D. D., of blessed memory. Since the last Convention several handsome memorials of brass work have been placed in the church—organ lights, a hymn board, and a very beautiful Chancel Railing in memory of Mrs. Olivia Cowper Raney, and a Font Railing in memory of Mrs. Eliza Marshall Eberhardt.

Raleigh, St. Saviour's Chapel; the Rev. M. M. MARSHALL, D.D., Rector; the Rev. JAMES A. WESTON, Minister in Charge.

Families 20. Baptized persons 69. Baptisms: infant 12; adult 3—total 15. Burial 1. Communicants 13. Sunday-school teachers 9; scholars 61. Parish school teacher 1; scholars 33. Other Parish Agencies: Woman's Guild, Children of the Cross. Public services: on Sundays 104; other days, 2. Holy Communion 7.

Chapel sittings 200.

Value of chapel \$1,500. Insurance \$1,200.

Receipts—Communion alms \$5. Other offerings at church services \$57.20. Sunday-school offerings \$30.50. Woman's Guild \$35.50. Other sources \$415—total \$543.20.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Alms \$5. Parish Missions \$128.20. Minister's salary \$312.50. Current expenses \$75—total \$520.70.

Diocesan: Diocesan Missions \$6. Thompson Orphanage \$2—total \$8.

General: Domestic Missions \$4.52. Foreign Missions \$4.52—total \$9.04. *Aggregate* \$537.74.

I took charge of the Chapel of St. Saviour, as the Assistant Minister of Christ Church, on the 4th day of November, 1896. I have been greatly aided in my work by the faithful and efficient labors of Mr. James Iredell Johnson, Lay Reader and Sunday-school Superintendent. The Woman's Guild and the Children of the Cross have also been of very great service to the Mission. I officiate at Smithfield, Johnston county, one Sunday in each month. Arrangements have also been made for a monthly service at St. Peter's, Stovall, Granville county.

Raleigh, Church of the Good Shepherd; the Rev. I. McK. PIT-
TENDER, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms: infant 7. Confirmed 7. Marriages 3. Burials 5. Communicants: admitted 8; received 11; present number 286. Sunday-

school teachers 14; scholars 134. Other Parish Agencies: Woman's Auxiliary; St. Mary's Guild; Altar Guild; Brotherhood of St. Andrew; Young Ladies' Guild; Thompson Orphanage Guild; Bishop Lyman Circle; Relief Society. Public services: on Sundays 102; other days 155. Holy Communion: public 81; private 3.

Church sittings 300.

Insurance \$4.850.

Receipts—Communion alms \$45.75. Other offerings at church services \$1,793.08. Sunday-school offerings \$164.34. Parish societies \$715. Christmas offering \$177.43. Donations and subscriptions \$1,317.46. Other sources \$452.62—total \$4,665.68.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Alms \$67.50. Minister's salary \$1,500. Current expenses \$715.45. Improvements and repairs \$382.72—total \$2,665.67.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$180. Diocesan Missions \$140.28. Thompson Orphanage \$81.40—total \$401.68.

General: General Missions \$92.74. Domestic Missions \$14.82. Foreign Missions \$46.62. Jewish Missions \$10. Clergy Retiring Fund \$10.85—total \$175.03. *Aggregate* \$3,242 38.

The list of communicants was carefully revised up to the date of this report. In addition to the services included in this report, the Rector conducted service and preached three times on shipboard while traveling abroad. He also baptized one candidate (adult) in the River Jordan, and presented him for confirmation to the Bishop of Jerusalem, and at the same time, upon the invitation of the Bishop, he preached in the Anglican Chapel at Jerusalem, and celebrated the Holy Communion according to the American use.

Subscriptions in addition to those reported here have been secured for the Bishop Lyman Memorial Church, amounting altogether to almost \$7,000.

Recently two memorials have been placed in the church, which are of a Diocesan character, viz., a pair of handsome standard lights, which are memorials respectively of Mrs. Anna Albert Lyman, wife of Bishop Lyman, and Mrs. Annie Webb Cheshire, wife of Bishop Cheshire.

In addition to the amount given in money to Diocesan Missions and to the Thompson Orphanage, two boxes were sent from the parish which aggregated in cash value \$87.

The offering for Missions to Jews was sent to the Rt. Rev. Dr. Blythe, Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem and the East, for his work at Jerusalem.

Raleigh, Church of St. Ambrose (colored); the Rev. JAMES E. KING, Deacon Officiating.

Families 21. Baptized persons 121. Whole number of persons 145. Baptisms: infant 6; adult 5—total 11. Confirmed 5. Burials 6. Communicants: last reported 102; admitted 5; died 4; removed 4; present

number 99. Sunday-school teachers 3; scholars 66. Parish school teachers 2; scholars 117. Other Parish Agencies: Woman's Auxiliary; Altar Guild; Boys' Guild; Brotherhood of St. Andrew. Public services: on Sundays 111; other days 66. Holy Communion: public 30; private 1.

Receipts—Communion alms \$14.31. Other offerings at church services \$119.19. Sunday-school offerings \$14.47. Parish societies \$15.32—total \$163.29.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Alms \$10. Minister's salary \$40.20. Current expenses \$51.25. Miscellaneous \$4—total \$105.45.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$10. Diocesan Missions \$4.32. Church Building Fund \$1.50. Good Samaritan Hospital \$4.75. St. Augustine's School \$10—total \$30.57.

General: General Missions \$11.40. Jewish Missions \$1.50—total \$12.90. Aggregate \$148.92.

The work of the Parish is more encouraging than last year. Through the kindness of Archdeacon Walker, I am now able to have the Holy Communion celebrated once a month on Sunday, and also on other Holy days. In February last the Rev. Father Field of Boston, conducted a Mission for ten days in the Parish, by which we were all greatly benefited. One of the most important agencies in our work is the Parish school, by the means of which we are enabled to carry the teachings of the church into homes that otherwise would never have known them. We are, however, greatly in need of a good school building, where the children would be more comfortable and better work could be done. We are at present using an old building unfit for the purpose.

Raleigh, St. Augustine's Chapel (colored); the Rev. A. B. HUNTER Minister in Charge; the Rev. H. B. DELANY, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms: infant 20; adult 6—total 26. Confirmed 5. Marriage 1. Burials 2. Communicants: last reported 21; admitted 5; present number 26. Sunday-school teachers: white 3; colored 12; scholars 270. Other Parish Agencies: Mother's Meeting; Junior Auxiliary; Missionary Store; Men's Meeting. Public services: on Sundays 110; other days 480. Holy Communion: public 20; private 7.

Chapel sittings 250.

Value of chapel \$3,500. Insurance \$1,200.

Receipts—Communion alms \$20. Other offerings at church services \$194.66 Sunday-school offerings \$58.66—total \$273.32.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Alms \$20. Improvements and repairs \$13—total \$33.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$10. Permanent Episcopal Fund \$25. Diocesan Missions \$20. Thompson Orphanage \$5—total \$60.

General: General Missions \$42.88. Domestic Missions \$8.81. Foreign Missions \$36.93. Colored Missions \$4. Sewanee \$3. Clergy Retiring

Fund \$12. American Church Building Fund \$5. Deaf Mutes' Mission \$1.84. Scruggs Sanitarium \$50. Valle Crucis \$10.86—total \$175.32. Aggregate \$273.32.

Raleigh, Chapel of St. Mary's School; the Rev. BENNETT SMEDES, Rector.

Public services daily during the session of the school. Holy Communion 15.

Disbursements—Parochial: Alms \$18.50. Parish Missions \$5. Miscellaneous \$15—total \$38.50.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$60. Diocesan Missions \$40. Thompson Orphanage \$10—total \$111.

General: General Missions \$5. Foreign Missions \$40. Sewanee \$10—total \$55. Aggregate \$204.50.

Ridgsville, St. Thomas' Church; the Rev. FREDERICK A. FETTER, Rector.

Families 14. Baptized persons 79. Burial 1. Communicants: last reported 38; received 5; died 1; removed 4; present number 38. Sunday-school teachers 4; scholars 40. Public services: on Sundays 11; other days 60. Holy Communion 5.

Church sittings 200.

Value of church \$1,200. Insurance \$1,000.

*Receipts—*Offerings at church services \$13.19. Sunday-school offerings \$13.48—total \$26.67.

Disbursements—Parochial: Minister's salary \$91.50. Current expenses \$4.72—total \$96.22.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$13.20. Diocesan Missions \$5. Relief Fund \$2.23—total \$20.43.

General: General Missions \$4. Jewish Missions \$1—total \$5. Aggregate \$121.65.

The present Rector entered upon his duties in the Parish October 1, 1896, and the report of services is from that date.

Richmond County Missions; the Rev. CHARLES FETTER, Minister in Charge.

I am now holding monthly services in Rockingham on the second Sunday, in the Odd Fellows' hall. There exists a very kindly feeling towards the Church. Our people are busily engaged in raising funds for the erection of a church building, and the citizens have responded generously in contributing to this fund. A very desirable lot has been donated by Capt. W. I. Everett. There are 12 communicants in Rockingham. Contributions to Minister's salary and expenses \$53.10.

I have been holding monthly services on Sunday in a chapel at Morgan's Factory, one mile from Laurel Hill, for more than a year. The

congregations are large. There are 11 communicants in that neighborhood. Contributions to Minister's salary and expenses \$137.29.

Ridgeway, Chapel of the Good Shepherd; the Rev. WILLIAM S. PETTIGREW, Rector.

Families 20. Whole number of persons 60. Marriages 4. Communicants: last reported 24; present number 26. Sunday-school teachers 5; scholars 16. Other Parish Agency: Junior Auxiliary. Public services: on Sundays 25; other days 15. Holy Communion 6.

Chapel sittings 150.

Value of chapel \$3,000; rectory \$3,000—total \$6,000. Indebtedness on property \$1,000.

Receipts—Junior Auxiliary \$30.27.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Alms \$16.65. Minister's salary \$153. Current expenses \$9.62—total \$179.27.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$16.33.

General: General Missions \$30.27. *Aggregate* \$225.87.

Public services with sermons have been given at various other points on five occasions.

Ringwood, St. Clement's Church; the Rev. GIRARD W. PHELPS, Minister in Charge.

Families 6. Baptized persons 32. Whole number of persons 38. Baptism: adult 1. Burials 2. Communicants: last reported 19; added 1; died 1; removed 2; present number 15. Sunday-school teachers 4; scholars 13. Public services: on Sundays 23; other days 3. Holy Communion: public 6; private 1.

Church sittings 150.

Value of church \$2,000.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Minister's salary \$130.83.

For the past eighteen months I have given services regularly once a month. (except on one occasion, when they failed to send for me), to St. Clement's, Ringwood. The services have usually been fairly well attended, and there is a good outlook for the Church. But at present the people are greatly depressed, on account of the poor crops of last year and the low prices of their produce.

Rocky Mount, Church of the Good Shepherd; the Rev. BENJAMIN SUMNER MCKENZIE, Rector.

Families 45. Baptized persons 140. Baptisms: infant 8; adult 4—total 12. Confirmed 18. Marriages 2. Communicants: last reported 67; admitted 18; received 1; removed 2; present number 84; Sunday-school teachers 8; scholars 73. Other Parish Agencies: Ladies' Aid Society, Woman's Auxiliary, Junior Auxiliary, St. Andrew's Brotherhood. Public services: on Sundays 70; other days 76. Holy Communion 25.

Church sittings 200; chapel sittings 75.

Value of church \$5,000; chapel \$150; rectory \$2,500; endowments \$2,000—total \$9,650. Insurance \$2,500.

Receipts—Communion alms \$10.18. Other offerings at church services \$883.03. Sunday-school offerings \$24.67. Parish societies \$277.45. Other sources \$241.71—total \$1,437.04.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Alms \$10.18. Minister's salary \$492.67. Current expenses \$174.17. Improvements and repairs \$607.98—total \$1,285.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$72. Diocesan Missions \$24. Thompson Orphanage \$22. Other objects \$23.42—total \$141.42.

General: General Missions \$9.12. Jewish Missions \$1.50—total \$10.62. Aggregate \$1,437.04.

I took charge of this Parish in October last. It had been without a Rector for two years, but the services had been kept up by the Lay Reader. No report of the services held by him is included in the above. I think he held one service every Sunday. We are holding services Sunday afternoons, and have a Sunday-school for the factory people in our chapel. We have between thirty and forty scholars here. I hold services also in Nashville one Sunday afternoon of each month, and the services here are well attended.

Rowan County, Christ Church; the Rev. SIDNEY S. BOST, Rector.

Families 13. Baptized persons 96. Baptisms: infant 2. Confirmed 3. Burial 1. Communicants: last reported 43; admitted 3; received 1; died 1; present number 46. Sunday-school teachers 5; scholars 40. Public services: on Sundays 22; other days 10. Holy Communion 5.

Church sittings 300.

Value of church \$800; rectory (share) \$400; other church property \$100—total \$1,300.

Receipts—Offerings at church services \$14.51. Sunday-school offerings \$3. Other sources \$99.97—total \$117.48.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Alms \$11.15. Minister's salary \$59.50. Improvements and repairs \$4.50—total \$75.15.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$15.84. Diocesan Missions \$10. Church Building Fund 75 cents. Education Fund \$1. Relief Fund 90 cents. Thompson Orphanage \$6—total \$34.49.

General: General Missions \$5.13. Aggregate \$114.77.

Rowan County, St. Andrew's Church and St. George's Chapel; the Rev. SIDNEY S. BOST, Rector.

Families 10. Baptized persons 70. Confirmed 4. Communicants: last reported 38; admitted 3; removed 1; present number 40. Sunday-school teachers 4; scholars 45. Public services: on Sundays 35; other days 7. Holy Communion 4.

Church sittings 200; chapel sittings 200.

Value of church \$600; chapel \$550; rectory (share) \$200—total \$1,350.
Indebtedness on property \$50.

Receipts—Communion alms \$4.37. Other offerings at church services \$12.90. Other sources \$10.58—total \$27.85.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Alms \$15.90. Minister's salary \$50. Improvements and repairs \$11.09—total \$76.99.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$15.84. Diocesan Missions \$4.92. Church Building Fund 85 cents. Education Fund \$1.16. Relief Fund \$1. Miscellaneous \$5—total \$28.77.

General: General Missions \$5.48. Foreign Missions \$4.82—total \$10.30.
Aggregate \$116.06.

These churches made the Thanksgiving offering to the Thompson Orphanage, but we cannot get at the exact amount just now—about four or five dollars, we think. Under the head of "Receipts," we neglected to account for moneys received from subscriptions.

Rowan County, St. Jude's Chapel; the Rev. SIDNEY S. BOST,
Minister in Charge.

Families 8. Baptized persons 46. Confirmed 9. Communicants: last reported 16; admitted 9; died 1; present number 24. Sunday-school teachers 4; scholars 30. Public services: on Sundays 24; other days 9. Holy Communion 4.

Chapel sittings 80.

Value of chapel \$325.

Receipts—Offerings at church services \$2. Other sources \$18.10—total \$20.10.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Minister's salary \$7. Improvements and repairs \$6.25. Miscellaneous \$4.85—total \$18.10.

General: General Missions \$1.04. *Aggregate* \$19.14.

St. Jude's was organized as an independent Mission on the Feast of the Epiphany.

Rowan County, St. Mary's Church; the Rev. F. J. MURDOCH,
D. D., Rector.

Baptized persons 38. Baptisms: infant 2. Burial 1. Communicants: last reported 22; died 1; present number 21. Sunday-school teacher 1; scholars 8. Public services: on Sundays 18. Holy Communion: public 3.

Church sittings 120.

Value of church \$1,000; other church property \$550—total \$1,550.

Receipts—\$40.

Rowan County, St. Matthew's Chapel; the Rev. SIDNEY S. BOST,
Minister in Charge.

Families 10. Baptized persons 60. Baptisms: infant 1; adult 3—total 4. Confirmed 3. Burials 2. Communicants: last reported 32;

admitted 3; died 1; present number 34. Sunday-school teachers 4; scholars 35. Public services—on Sundays 24; other days 7. Holy Communion 4.

Chapel sittings 80.

Value of church \$350.

Receipts—Offerings at church services \$2. Other sources \$19.05—total \$21.05.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Minister's salary \$7. Improvements and repairs \$9.85—total \$16.85.

General: General Missions \$2.10. *Aggregate* \$18.95.

Salisbury, St. John's Church; the Rev. F. J. MURDOCH, D. D., Minister in Charge; the Rev. R. B. OWENS, Assistant Minister.

Baptized persons 10. Marriage 1. Communicants: last reported 15; present number 10. Public services: on Sundays 45.

Church sittings 120.

Value of church \$500; other church property \$1,000—total \$1,500.

Salisbury, St. Luke's Church; the Rev. F. J. MURDOCH, D. D., Rector.

Baptized persons 212. Baptisms: infant 5. Marriages 3. Burials 4. Communicants: last reported 113; received 4; died 4; present number 113. Sunday-school teachers 8; scholars 45. Public services: on Sundays 104; other days 140. Holy Communion 52.

Church sittings 300.

Value of church \$7,000; other church property \$3,500—total \$10,500. Insurance \$1,200.

Receipts—\$583.24.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: \$259.29.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$17.79. Diocesan Missions \$18.50. Thompson Orphanage \$20. Missions in county \$230.56—total \$286.85.

General: Domestic Missions \$26.35. Foreign Missions \$10.75—total \$37.10. *Aggregate* \$583.24.

Salisbury, St. Paul's Church; the Rev. R. BRUCE OWENS, Rector.

Baptized persons 65. Baptisms: infant 2. Marriages 2. Communicants: last reported 41; restored 1; removed 4; withdrawn 1; present number 36. Sunday-school teachers 5; scholars 40. Public services: on Sundays 52. Holy Communion 23.

Receipts—Offerings at church services \$20.55. Sunday-school offerings \$13.30. Other sources \$60.10—total \$93.95.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Minister's salary \$33.30. Current expenses \$20.89. Improvements and repairs \$21.84—total \$76.03.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$2.94. Diocesan Missions

\$2.31. Education Fund 67 cents. Relief Fund 79 cents. Thompson Orphanage \$3.44—total \$10.15.

General: General Missions \$6.15. Clergy Retiring Fund 88 cents. Valle Crucis 75 cents—total \$7.78. *Aggregate* \$93.96.

St. Paul's was burned on the night of April 7. The amount of insurance was very small. The congregation hope to rebuild at an early date. In the meantime services are held in the Church school building.

Salisbury, St. Peter's Chapel; the Rev. F. J. MURDOCH, D. D., Minister in Charge; the Rev. R. B. OWENS, Assistant Minister.

Baptized persons 34. Confirmed 1. Communicants: last reported 13; admitted 1; present number 14. Sunday-school teachers 5; scholars 35. Public services: on Sundays 52. Holy Communion 12.

Church sittings 120.

Value of Church \$700. Insurance \$400.

Receipts—\$25.

Sanford, St. Thomas' Church; the Rev. CHAS. T. BLAND, Minister in Charge.

Families 2. Baptized persons 10. Whole number of persons 10. Communicants: last reported 7; withdrawn 1; present number 6. Public services: on Sundays 16. Holy Communion 3.

Church sittings 100.

Value of church \$1,100.

Receipts—Communion alms \$4.35. Other offerings at church services \$14.34. Other sources \$82—total \$100.69.

Disbursements—Parochial: Minister's salary \$18.69. Church Building \$82—total \$100.69.

This is the trying time in the growth of Missions; when it dawns on the people that the Church has come to locate and to remain, and those who rely on numbers are discouraged. One unwilling to have it among them: the other, ashamed of the smallness of numbers, are willing to express their gloomy forebodings. There is no reason in this. The work is God's. Mightier is He who is with us than all against us. The work is fairly advancing.

Scotland Neck, Trinity Church; the Rev. WALTER J. SMITH, Rector.

Families 38. Baptized persons 154. Baptisms: infant 10. Marriages 7. Burials, white 8; colored 2. Communicants: last reported 116; received 1; died 2; present number, white 113; colored 2. Sunday-school teachers 8; scholars 49. Other Parish Agencies: Ladies' Aid Society, Woman's Auxiliary, Junior Auxiliary, Trinity Guild, Boys' Guild; Brotherhood of St. Andrew. Public services: on Sundays 60; other days 103. Holy Communion: public 33; private 1.

Church sittings 350; chapel sittings 300.

Value of church \$5,000; two chapels \$2,600; rectory \$2,000—total \$9,600. Indebtedness on property \$600.

Receipts—Communion alms \$5.42. Other offerings at church services \$150.58. Ladies' Aid Society \$96.27. Woman's Auxiliary \$15. Junior Auxiliary \$18.87. Babies' Branch \$5.63. Trinity Guild \$21.66. Boy's Guild \$5.38. Other sources \$433.22—total \$752.03.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Alms \$3.75. Minister's salary \$284.19. Current expenses \$86.87. Improvements and repairs \$6.69. Debt on church \$144.25. Miscellaneous \$2.10—total \$527.85.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$51.50. Diocesan Missions \$25.95. Church Building Fund \$1.32. Education Fund \$1.45. Relief Fund \$1.71. Thompson Orphanage \$51.71. Convocation \$13.95. Convocation Evangelist Fund \$20.70. St. Augustine School \$1.93. Chapel at Mayodan \$4.94. Miscellaneous \$2.88—total \$178.04.

General: General Missions \$27.14. Domestic Missions \$4.85. Foreign Missions \$9. Jewish Missions \$2.52. Sewanee \$5.35. Valle Crucis \$5.90. Sufferers from the flood in the Mississippi Valley \$3.29. Miscellaneous 90 cents—total \$58.95. *Aggregate* \$764.84.

This report does not include services held by the Lay Reader in the absence of the Rector. Monthly services are held at Tillery and Spring Hill. Besides the above, my official acts have been as follows: Morganton, services 20, Holy Communion 7, burial 1; Flat Rock, services 4; Weldon, services 1, Holy Communion 1, burial 1; Jackson, services 2, Holy Communion 1; Wilson, service 1; Warrenton 1; Convict Farm, near Halifax, 1; Roxobel, Bertie County, burial 1. Also attended meetings of Convocation at Rocky Mount and Weldon. No visit from the Bishop.

Report of Smithfield Mission; the Rev. JAMES A. WESTON, Minister in Charge.

Families 5. Baptized persons 9. Communicants 6.

Receipts—\$10.53.

I took charge of the Mission on the first day of January, 1897. I conduct services in the Court-house one Sunday in each month. The congregations are large and attentive.

Southern Pines, Emmanuel Church; the Rev. HENRY T. GREGORY, Minister in Charge.

Families 11. Baptized persons 30. Whole number of persons 32. Baptisms: infant, white 6; colored 1—total 7. Burial 1. Communicants: last reported 6; present number 14. Sunday-school teachers 2: scholars, white 11; colored 1. Industrial school teachers 2; colored scholars 24. Other Parish Agency: Woman's Auxiliary. Public services: on Sundays 45; other days 36. Holy Communion: public 30; private 3.

Receipts—Communion alms \$6.49. Other offerings at church services \$342.59. Sunday-school offerings \$20.78. Parish society \$5. Junior

Auxiliary \$8.22. Children's Easter offering \$11.23. Other sources \$52.42—total \$446.73.

Disbursements—Parochial: Minister's salary \$204. Current expenses \$23.25. Gifts to minister \$42.87—total \$270.12.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$12. Diocesan Mission \$16.85. Thompson Orphanage \$5.25—total \$34.10.

General: General Missions \$40.66. Domestic Missions \$2.29. Foreign Missions \$1.18. Indian Missions \$2.50. Jewish Missions \$5.62. Widows and Orphans Fund \$13.87. Valle Crucis \$2.25. Armenian Orphans \$40. N. Y. Bible and Prayer Book Society \$7. Hospital in Arizona \$1.33—total \$116.70. *Aggregate* \$420.92.

The church is still held as private property, and we have the use of it only part of the time. The Congregationalists, who now use it afternoon and evening, are soon to build a house of worship, and we then hope to have entire control of the church and have it consecrated.

The Sunday-school is a branch of the Junior Auxiliary. Only eight of our communicants are residents of Southern Pines; four live at Aberdeen and two at Roseland. The minister in charge has held service on Sunday afternoons and week days at Pinehurst, where a number of communicants of the Church spent the winter. The offerings from Pinehurst are included in the above report.

The industrial school reported is not connected with Emmanuel Mission, though conducted by the minister's household. Miss E. H. Wheeler is in charge, and reports to the Archdeacon.

Statesville, Trinity Church; the Rev. JNO. H. GRIFFITH, JR., Minister in Charge.

Families 19. Baptized persons 70. Baptisms: infant 3; adult 1—total 4. Confirmed 1. Marriage 1. Burial 1. Communicants: last reported 38; removed 3; withdrawn 5; present number 30. Sunday-school teachers 5; scholars 35. Public services: on Sundays 20; other days 26. Holy Communion 2.

*Receipts—*Communion alms \$5. Other offerings at church services \$13. Sunday-school offerings \$10—total \$28.

Disbursements—Parochial: Minister's salary \$120. Improvements and repairs \$15—total \$135.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$13. Thompson Orphanage \$9.50—total \$22.50. *Aggregate* \$157.50.

The above dates from December 1st, 1896, when I assumed charge. The outlook for the future in this church is very encouraging.

Stovall, St. Peter's Church; the Rev. J. M. HORNER, late Minister in Charge.

Families 6. Baptized persons 19. Confirmed 1. Marriage 1. Burial 1. Communicants: last reported 10; admitted 1; died 1; removed 2;

present number 8. Public services: on Sundays 5; other days 2. Holy Communion 2.

Church sittings 150.

Value of church \$500; other church property \$100—total \$600.

Receipts—Communion alms \$1. Other offerings at church services \$6.25. Other sources \$27.88—total \$35.13.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Minister's salary \$15.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$3.60. Diocesan Missions \$11.50—total \$15.10.

General: General Missions \$5.03. *Aggregate* \$35.13.

The church has been without services since September, 1896.

Tarboro, Calvary Church; the Rev. M. L. POFFENBERGER, late Rector.

Families 81. Baptized persons 325. Baptisms: infant 9; adult 1—total 10. Confirmed 6. Burials 9. Communicants: last reported 208; admitted 8; received 1; died 4; removed 2; present number 211. Sunday-school teachers 14; scholars 80. Other Parish Agencies: Men's Bible Class 20; Altar Guild, Thompson Orphanage Guild, Woman's Auxiliary. Junior Auxiliary. Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Ladies' Sewing Society. Public services: on Sundays 151; other days 182. Holy Communion: public 84; private 4.

Church sittings 500; chapel sittings 100.

Value of church \$25,000; chapel \$1,800; rectory \$3,600—total \$30,400. Insurance \$8,200. Indebtedness on rectory \$760. Other indebtedness \$600.

Receipts—Communion alms \$22.02. Other offerings at church services \$1,946.82. Sunday-school offerings \$116. Parish societies \$262.70. Other sources \$549.12—total \$2,896.66.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Alms \$15.92. Minister's salary \$1,199.83. On rectory \$1,043.75. Choir Master \$300—total \$2,559.50.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$39.63. Diocesan Missions \$125.56. Thompson Orphanage \$104.96. Convocation \$6.25—total \$276.40.

General: General Missions \$54.32. Jewish Missions \$6.44—total \$60.76. *Aggregate* \$2,896.66.

The late Rector resigned the charge of the Parish April 19th, 1897.

Tarboro, St. Luke's Church (colored); the Rev. JOHN W. PERRY, Rector.

Families 21. Baptized persons 108. Baptisms: infant 2. Marriage 1. Burials 2. Communicants: last reported 61; died 2; present number 60. Sunday-school teachers 7; scholars 74. Parish school teachers 3; scholars 91. Industrial school teachers 2; scholars 51. Other Parish Agencies: St. Luke's Guild, Mission Helpers, Altar Guild. Public services: on Sundays 84; other days 106. Holy Communion 20.

Church sittings 250.

Value of church \$2,450. Insurance \$1,700.

Receipts—Communion alms \$16.10. Other offerings at church services \$45. Sunday-school offerings \$42.25. Parish societies \$101.40—total \$204.75.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Alms \$8.50. Minister's salary \$55.25. Current expenses \$40. Improvements and repairs \$160.40. Miscellaneous \$6.50—total \$270.65.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$16.50.

General: General Missions \$2.50. Colored Missions \$2.50—total \$5. Aggregate \$292.15.

Our church work here has gone on prosperously since my last report. Our church has been furnished with substantial pews, and a good furnace has been placed in the basement of the church, which added much to the comfort of the church during last winter. Our Sunday, Parochial and Industrial Schools are doing well. We are making progress in our work here.

Wadesboro, Calvary Church; the Rev. CHARLES FETTER, Rector.

Families 24. Baptized persons 136. Baptisms: infant 19; adult 4—total 23. Confirmed 7. Burial 1. Communicants: last reported 44; admitted 6; received 2; died 1; present number 51. Sunday-school teachers 6; scholars 58. Other Parish Agencies: Ladies' Guild, Woman's Auxiliary, Ladies' Sewing Society. Public services: on Sundays 48; other days 62. Holy Communion: public 18; private 4.

Church sittings 300.

Value of church \$5,000; rectory \$1,000; other church property \$75—total \$6,075. Insurance \$3,800. Indebtedness on rectory \$400.

Receipts—Communion alms \$135.13. Other offerings at church services \$57.44. Sunday-school offerings \$19.83. Ladies' Guild \$24.12. Woman's Auxiliary \$32.70. Sewing Society \$34.29. Other sources \$523—total \$826.51.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Parish Missions \$2.75. Minister's salary \$405. Current expenses \$76.40. Improvements and repairs \$40. On rectory debt \$104.79. Miscellaneous \$41.31—total \$670.25.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$59. Diocesan Missions \$39.06. Thompson Orphanage \$36.77. Convocation \$3.64. Chapel at Mayodan \$1.42—total \$139.89.

General: General Missions \$12.58. Jewish Missions \$1.10. American Church Building Fund \$2.10. Bishop Gray's work in Florida \$2.50—total \$18.28. Aggregate \$828.42.

Walnut Cove, Christ Church; the Rev. J. H. WILLIAMS, Minister in Charge.

Baptism: infant 1. Confirmed 2. Burial 1. Communicants: last reported 33; admitted 2; died 1; present number 34. Sunday-school teachers 4; scholars 40. Public services: alternate Sundays: other days 6. Holy Communion quarterly.

Church sittings 250.

Value of church \$1,400.

Disbursements—Parochial: Minister's salary \$125.27.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$13. *Aggregate* \$138.27.

Warren County, St. Luke's Chapel (colored); the Rev. WILLIAM WALKER, Minister in Charge.

Families 8. Baptized persons 30. Whole number of persons 32. Baptisms: infant 8. Marriage 1. Communicants: last reported 15; present number 16. Sunday-school teachers 1; scholars 18. Public services: on Sundays 11. Holy Communion 7.

Chapel sittings 200.

Value of chapel \$200.

Receipts—Offerings at church services \$4.08.

Disbursements—Parochial: Current expenses \$3.60.

Warrenton, All Saints' Chapel (colored); the Rev. H. B. DELANY, Minister in Charge.

Families 7. Baptized persons 25. Whole number of persons 33. Baptisms: infant 2. Communicants 15. Sunday-school teachers 5; scholars 37. Parish school teachers 1; scholars 44. Public services: on Sundays 24; other days 10. Holy Communion 12.

Chapel sittings 100.

Value of chapel \$400. Insurance \$300. Indebtedness on property \$85.

Receipts—Communion alms \$3.68. Other offerings at church services \$34.34. Sunday-school offerings \$32.78. Parish societies \$15—total \$85.80.

Disbursements—Parochial: Alms \$3.68. Current expenses \$34.40. Improvements and repairs \$10—total \$48.08.

Diocesan: Diocesan Missions \$11.42. Church Building Fund \$1.32. Relief Fund \$1.35. Thompson Orphanage \$3.04—total \$17.13.

General: Domestic Missions \$15.50. Foreign Missions \$4.75—total \$20.25. *Aggregate* \$85.46.

That I might give more time to the work at St. Augustine's school. I was, in September last, relieved of the care of St. Matthias' Mission, Louisburg. In addition to the work at Warrenton, I have, under the direction of the Bishop, organized a Mission at Satterwhite, Granville County, where I preached three times, and baptized seven children. At Louisburg I preached eleven times, celebrated Holy Communion five times, and buried one child. At Pittsboro I preached two sermons and celebrated once. At St. Ambrose, Raleigh, I have preached eleven sermons, celebrated twice in public, and ten times in private. I continue to make monthly visitations to the Work-house, where I give instruction to the prisoners in both the white and colored wards. At St. Augustine's school, where I am actively engaged in teaching, I

either conduct or assist in conducting daily morning and evening prayer. I have preached there thirty-six times, celebrated eighteen times, baptized nineteen children (two in private) and six adults, and buried one.

Warrenton, Emmanuel Church; the Rev. B. S. BRONSON, Rector.

Baptisms: infant 4. Marriages, white 2; colored 1. Burials 5. Communicants: last reported 82; died 3; removed 7; withdrawn 2; whole number lost 12; present number 70. Other Parish Agencies: Woman's Auxiliary, Daughters of the King. Public services: twice every Sunday. Holy Communion every Sunday.

Value of church \$4,500; rectory \$1,500—total \$6,000. Insurance \$3,475.

Receipts—Offerings at church services \$581.85. Sunday-school offerings \$43.09. Parish societies \$198.20—total \$823.14.

Disbursements—Parochial: Minister's salary \$373.20. Current expenses \$61.22. Improvements and repairs \$20.73—total \$455.15.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$60. Diocesan Missions \$49.95. Education Fund \$2.27. Relief Fund \$1. Thompson Orphanage \$63.56—total \$176.78.

General: General Missions \$28.09. Domestic Missions \$2.50. Foreign Missions \$2.50. Jewish Missions \$1.11. Miscellaneous \$50.28—total \$84.48. *Aggregate* \$716.41.

The Woman's Auxiliary disbursed from April, 1896, to April, 1897, \$139.35. The Daughters of the King, Emmanuel Chapter, from May 4th, 1896, to April 25th, 1897, collected \$44.55, and paid out \$23.88, and have balance on hand of \$34.97. I have begun the creation of a fund for the erection of a chapel in the county, where it is very much needed.

Weldon, Grace Church.

Families 19. Baptized persons 68. Confirmed 6. Marriages 2. Burial 1. Communicants: last reported 49; admitted 6; present number 38. Sunday-school teachers 8; scholars 30. Other Parish Agencies: Negro Sunday-school. Public services: on Sundays 104; other days 52. Holy Communion 35.

Church sittings 200.

Value of church \$2,500; rectory \$500; other church property \$150—total \$3,150. Insurance \$1,500.

Receipts—Offerings at church services \$127.01. Sunday-school offerings \$17.83. Parish societies \$79.23. Other sources \$319.04—total \$543.11.

Disbursements—Parochial: Minister's salary \$150. Current expenses \$119.99. Improvements and repairs \$143.86. Insurance \$15—total \$428.85.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$30. Convocation \$10.81—total \$40.81.

General: General Missions \$55.37. Foreign Missions \$9.12. Indian Missions \$1.05. Miscellaneous \$7.91—total \$73.45. *Aggregate* \$543.11.

The Rectorship has been vacant for some months, and it has been found impossible to obtain an accurate list of communicants.

Williamsboro, St. John's Church; the Rev. WILLIAM S. PETTIGREW, Rector.

Families 27. Baptized persons 50. Whole number of persons 60. Baptisms: adult 2. Burials 2. Communicants: last reported 38; died 2; removed 2; present number, white 32; colored 2. Public services: on Sundays 16. Holy Communion 6.

Church sittings 300.

Value of church \$2,000; rectory \$100—total \$2,100.

Receipts—Communion alms \$7.13.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Alms \$8.42.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$5.50. *Aggregate* \$13.92.

Services with sermons have been given on fifteen occasions at various points.

Wilson, St. Mark's Church (colored): JOHN W. PERRY, Minister in Charge.

Families 8. Baptized persons 42. Baptism: adult 1. Confirmed 2. Communicants: last reported 12; admitted 2; restored 1; present number 15. Sunday-school teachers 3; scholars 47. Parish school teachers 1; scholars 59. Public services: on Sundays 24; other days 4. Holy Communion 6.

Church sittings 150.

Value of church \$1,500. Insurance \$1,000.

Receipts—Offerings at church services \$32.73. Sunday-school offerings \$13.07—total \$45.80.

Disbursements—*Parochial*: Current expenses \$40.05. Miscellaneous \$5.75—total \$45.80.

Diocesan: Diocesan Missions \$1.75.

General: General Missions \$1.50. Colored Missions \$1.50—total \$3. *Aggregate* \$50.55.

Wilson, St. Timothy's Church; the Rev. F. CECIL BAYLISS, Rector.

Families 36. Baptized persons 160. Baptisms: infant 7; adult 5—total 12. Confirmed 12. Marriages 2. Burials 3. Communicants: last reported 91; admitted 12; received 3; died 2; present number 104. Sunday-school teachers 7; scholars 55. Other Parish Agencies: Guild of St. Timothy, Woman's Auxiliary, Babies' Branch. Public services: on Sundays 47; other days 68. Holy Communion: public 18; private 4.

Church sittings 150.

Value of church \$2,000; rectory \$1,000—total \$3,000.

Receipts—Offerings at church services \$72.84. Sunday-school offerings \$33.71. Guild of St. Timothy \$140.32. Other sources \$640.52—total \$888.34.

Disbursements—Parochial: Minister's salary \$588. Current expenses \$75. Improvements and repairs \$99.70—total \$762.70.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$90.20. Diocesan Missions \$7.11. Thompson Orphanage \$6.20. Convocation for Evangelist Fund \$6.88—total \$110.39.

General: Domestic Missions \$4.28. Foreign Missions \$4.27. Colored Missions \$4.25. Jewish Missions \$2.45—total \$15.25. *Aggregate* \$888.34.

The present incumbent has been in charge of the Parish since December 19th, 1896, from which time dates the record of services.

Winston, St. Paul's Church; the Rev. JOHN FRANCIS GEORGE, Rector.

Families 68. Baptized persons 250. Baptisms: infant 18; adult 2—total 20. Marriages 2. Burials 3. Communicants: last reported 110; received 8; removed 3; present number, white 110; colored 5. Sunday-school teachers 7; scholars 65. Other Parish Agencies: Ladies' Aid Society, Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Daughters of the King, Woman's Auxiliary, Junior Auxiliary. Public services: on Sundays 115; other days 145. Holy Communion: public 49; private 1.

Church sittings 225.

Value of church \$3,800; rectory \$3,500—total \$7,300. Insurance \$2,500. Indebtedness on property \$750.

*Receipts—*Communion alms \$148.29. Other offerings at church services \$1,082.14. Sunday-school offerings \$87.88. Parish societies: Ladies' Aid Society \$62.35. Daughters of the King \$14.75. Woman's Auxiliary \$120. Other sources \$500—total \$2,015.41.

Disbursements—Parochial: Alms \$10.04. Parish Missions \$43.36. Minister's salary \$706.36. Current expenses \$297.42. Improvements and repairs \$110.53. Parish debt \$500—total \$1,667.71.

Diocesan: Episcopal and Contingent Fund \$50. Diocesan Missions \$43.23. Church Building Fund \$2. Education Fund \$2. Relief Fund \$6.50. Thompson Orphanage \$73. Convocation \$6.50—total \$183.23.

General: General Missions \$15.80. Domestic Missions \$12.81. Foreign Missions \$5. Colored Missions \$7.44. Indian Missions \$2. Jewish Missions \$4.94. Widows and Orphans Fund \$3. Miscellaneous \$28—total \$78 99. *Aggregate* \$1,929.93.

The Rev. JOSEPH W. MURPHY, residing in Washington, D. C., reports as follows:

During the past winter I have been able to do very little work, but I enter on the forty-seventh year of my ministry reinvigorated. Since my last report, in nineteen different churches and chapels in the Dioceses of Washington and Maryland, I have officiated in fifty-seven services (in forty-nine by myself), celebrated the Holy Communion seven times, married one couple, and preached thirty-four times.

It is not much, but I am thankful that strength and opportunity are still granted me to work.

The Rev. FREDERICK TOWERS, residing in Cambridge, Massachusetts, reports as follows:

I beg leave to report that during the past Conventional year I have been all the time engaged in Parochial work under the license of the Bishop of Massachusetts, and am now minister in charge of St. Gabriel's Church, Marion, in this Diocese. I have been pleased to hear from time to time of the progress of the work of the Church in the Diocese of North Carolina, and I had expected ere this to have returned to engage in active work there.

REPORTS OF THE DEANS OF CONVOCATIONS.

Dean of Tarboro.

Since last Convention there have been three meetings of the Convocation—one at Scotland Neck, one at Rocky Mount, and one at Weldon, all of which were very encouraging. For the first time in the history of the Convocations of the Diocese a meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in connection with the meeting at Scotland Neck, and doubtless it was due to the fact that it was one of the most successful meetings ever held by the Convocation of Tarboro. The same feature added much to the meeting held at Weldon. During the past year the Dean has made official visits to Weldon, Jackson, Enfield and Wilson.

The Evangelist of the Convocation continues to do good work.

W. J. SMITH, *Dean.*

Dean of Raleigh.

The Convocation of Raleigh has held two meetings within the year—one in St. Athanasius' Church, Burlington, June 22d, and one in St. Peter's Church, Stovall, October 6th. At the latter meeting it was made known that a number of influential colored people at Satterwhite were desirous of having a Mission established among them, and Mr. Benj. P. Thorp addressed the Convocation on the subject. Since that time monthly services have been held for them and a Sunday-school established. An acre of land has been deeded to the Diocese by Mr. Thorp for this Mission, and much of the lumber has also been contributed by him for the erection of a chapel on this land. The work is going forward and it is hoped to have the chapel ready for occupancy at an early date.

JULIAN E. INGLE, *Dean.*

Dean of Salisbury.

[No report.]

Dean of Charlotte.

The Convocation has met three times during the year, twice in Charlotte and once in Monroe. There are no vacant Parishes or Missions at present in this Convocation. The Rev. Mr. Gregory, of Southern Pines, has been added to the clergy list since last Convention. The Dean has conducted two Missions during the year, at St. Mark's, Mecklenburg County, and All Souls', Ansonville. The clergy have all manifested a willingness to add to their already numerous duties occasional extra work in the way of looking up those persons, scattered here and there throughout the counties, in any way connected with the Church. They have preached also from time to time in communities where there is no church or mission. We look forward to the coming year as one of increasing prosperity under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

CHARLES L. HOFFMANN, *Dean.*

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF ST. AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL.

By Canon 20, Sec. vi of Title I. of the Canons of the General Convention. "All incorporated schools are expected to report annually to the Bishop of the Diocese at the annual Convention."

St. Augustine's School, Raleigh, is one of two schools of any general character which the Church carries on for the training of colored young men and women. During the last year, the former Principal's house has been changed into St. Agnes Hospital and Training School for nurses. Six women have been under training as nurses. They, with their trained nurse, have made 223 visits to sick people in the neighborhood, thirty-five dispensary patients have been cared for, and seventeen patients treated in the hospital during the last six months. The Raleigh physicians have been most generous in their offers of services.

A Kindergarten has been carried on with sixty little children.

The number of students in the school has grown from 119 in 1890 to 308 in 1897, and the number of teachers from eight to sixteen. This year students have been received who work all day and go to school at night. A brick-laying class has been maintained, which has built the stone walls of our new Library building, plastered ten new rooms, and is now laying brick in the walls of the addition to the Lyman building, which will almost double its capacity. The Woman's Auxiliary of this Diocese has generously taken part in maintaining the school.

The last Legislature enabled the Trustees to add to their number members from other Dioceses, and the Rt. Rev. Henry T. Satterlee, Bishop of Washington, and the Rev. Joseph U. Blanchard, of Philadelphia, have consented to become members of the Board.

Some sixty-eight acres were added to the school farm on January 1. and the school land now embraces 110 acres, which is cared for by its own students.

The Bishop consecrated the new Chapel on the 11th of May, in the presence of a large congregation, including eleven of the clergy. At the same service he confirmed fifteen of the students.

A. B. HUNTER,
Raleigh, May 13, 1897. Principal.

REPORT OF THE ARCHDEACON FOR WORK AMONG COLORED PEOPLE.

To the Rt. Rev. Joseph Blount Cheshire, Jr., D.D.,

Bishop of North Carolina:

Although the past year has been one of no very marked advance, the work has gone steadily on and some progress has been made. During the past year I have been employed every Sunday and have preached and held services on other days, when it was possible to do so. The summary of my duty is as follows: I have preached on 89 occasions, celebrated the Holy Eucharist 48 times in public and twice in private, baptized 13 persons, officiated at one marriage and two funerals, catechised a great many times, made 18 visits to schools, made 18 addresses, and churched three women. Besides this, I have held many weekday services and have given instructions which are not included in the above statement. This summary includes duty done in the District of Asheville, the Missions of which have been visited as usual. The staff of clergy remains the same as last year with the exception of Rev. E. L. Henderson, who has removed from the District of Asheville to the Diocese of New Jersey. Mr. Bailey has been removed from Noise and placed at Pittsboro. His isolated position, the difficulty of the work at Noise, and the necessity of having some one resident in Pittsboro made the change desirable. Mr. Bailey will still visit Noise at intervals, and will also go to Moncure. Mr. King has charge of Louisburg in addition to his duties in Raleigh, relieving Mr. Delany, who now only goes to Warrenton once a month. Mr. Delany has, however, given me much valuable assistance in St. Ambrose Church, Raleigh, and he continues his monthly visits to the prisoners in the county workhouse. Besides the general supervision of the work, I have had sole charge of St. James' Chapel, Pittsboro, St. Luke's Chapel, Warren County, Littleton Mission and the little Mission begun at Moncure. Besides this I have celebrated in Raleigh once a month on Sunday and on Holy Days.

In Concord a very valuable work is being carried on by Mr. Oliver Stancill, a Postulant for Holy Orders, under the direction of the Rector of the Parish. Mr. Stancill has labored very faithfully and efficiently as schoolmaster and lay reader. His school is flourishing as to numbers (over one hundred on the roll) and the outlook is promising. It is hoped that this Mission will not be allowed to fail for lack of means, as it surely will if we cannot obtain some help to carry it on. We need

money to pay for the property and to pay the salaries of Mr. Stancill and his wife, both of whom are obliged to teach. There is only \$10 per month for this, and this comes from St. Augustine's League, N. Y.

At Satterwhite, in Granville County, a considerable number of colored persons are working to establish a Mission. A churchman has given an acre of land and a large part of the lumber to build a chapel. The people have gone to work with a will and the frame of the building is now up. They are at present using a school-house for Sunday-school, which they have every Sunday, and a lay reader goes to them once a month for service.

At Littleton the work done by Mr. Virgil N. Bond deserves attention, and must have more help or it will perish. Mr. Bond has worked faithfully and beyond his strength in the past, and has made the school a success. It is large in point of numbers and the marked improvement in the pupils is very encouraging. Mr. Bond's methods are well adapted to the people among whom he labors, and the church is acquiring an influence and respect which will produce the best results. I have been at this Mission as nearly as possible once a month.

St. Luke's, Warren County, is not without its influence upon the surrounding people, and we are gathering now some children into a Sunday-school which meets every Sunday. The oldest member of the church is the catechist and he goes through the catechism every Sunday with them all, asking the questions and exacting the answers. I will venture to say that that little handful of people know their catechism better than most of our congregations. I have just begun the subscription on Diocesan Missions in this congregation.

At Moncure work has been carried on in the past to some extent, but we have now succeeded in purchasing a piece of ground and will soon have a building to shelter us. This was made possible by the kindness of some friends in Massachusetts. Mr. Council will open a school here as soon as practicable and continue a work he was obliged to drop for a time.

The Parochial school in Raleigh, in charge of Mr. King, has been very successful the past year. Upwards of one hundred scholars have been enrolled and a good influence has been brought to bear on the community through this agency. A vigorous effort must now be made to obtain permanent accommodation for this school. The building we at present occupy is only leased, and the school demands better and permanent quarters. Mr. King, alive to the immense importance of this, is asking for aid.

A day school has been taught at Southern Pines the past winter by Mrs. Wheeler, whose salary has been paid by the Massachusetts Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.

I am sorry to have to record the loss by fire of the Chapel of St. Mark, at Wilson. It was, however, insured and this will enable us to rebuild. In the meantime Mr. Perry will carry on the services as best he can. The

school has been prosperous the past year, and Mr. Perry is much encouraged with the present prospect.

I cannot but mention with admiration the efforts of the members of All Saints' Mission, Warrenton, to maintain the Mission and the Mission School. Besides paying for their property they have assumed the support of the Mission School and guarantee the salary of the teacher. They only receive \$12.50 per month for eight months.

In the month of December last I visited Argo, in Nash County, and was much struck with the opportunity afforded there for carrying on a valuable school work. The lack of means only holds us back from possessing the land.

I have not made particular mention of the older Missions which are going on and steadily advancing to better work. They are faithfully administered, and I believe are doing as efficient work as the means will allow.

The accompanying table will give the statistics. St. Augustine's School and the Hospital of the Good Samaritan will each have its own report and will not need special mention.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM WALKER.

STATISTICS OF WORK AMONG COLORED PEOPLE.

MISSIONS AND CHURCHES.	CLERGY IN CHARGE.	Families.	Baptized persons.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Communicants.	Burials.	Day Schools.		Sunday Schools.		Parsonages.	School-houses.	Contributions.	Value of Property.	Insurance.
								Teachers.	Scholars.	Teachers.	Scholars.					
Charlotte, St. Michael's	P. P. Alston	17	114	512	82	1	3	3	125	7	130	1	1	\$ 241.76	\$ 2,400	---
Concord	J. C. Davis	---	---	37	11	---	---	3	82	4	62	1	---	---	---	---
Littleton Mission	W. Walker	---	---	3	7	---	2	3	91	3	56	1	---	---	650	400
Louisburg, St. Matthias	J. E. King	5	38	4	30	---	---	2	66	5	100	1	1	30.45	2,500	600
Moncure Mission	T. B. Bailey	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Noise, St. Philip's	T. B. Bailey	18	104	1	25	---	---	1	18	3	30	1	1	---	---	---
Pittsboro, St. James	T. B. Bailey	---	---	2	38	---	---	1	15	2	18	1	1	21.50	1,280	600
Raleigh, St. Ambrose	J. E. King	21	121	11	99	---	---	2	117	3	66	1	---	163.28	1,500	---
Raleigh, St. Augustine's	A. B. Hunter	---	---	26	5	26	1	2	---	12	270	1	---	273.32	3,500	1,200
Satterwhite	W. Walker	---	---	7	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Southern Pines	H. T. Gregory	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	25	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Tarboro, St. Luke's	J. W. Perry	28	108	2	60	1	2	3	91	7	74	1	1	204.75	2,450	1,700
Warrenton, All Saints	H. B. Delany	7	25	2	15	1	---	1	44	5	37	1	---	85.80	400	300
Warren Co., St. Luke's	W. Walker	8	30	8	16	1	---	---	---	1	18	1	---	---	---	---
Weldon	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Wilson, St. Mark's	J. W. Perry	8	42	1	15	---	---	1	59	3	47	---	---	45.80	1,500	1,000
White Congregations	---	---	21	2	14	4	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
		119	632	111	29	438	513	21	733	55	908	11	4	\$ 1,066.66	\$ 16,180	\$ 5,800

PARISH BRANCHES.

CONVOCATION OF CHARLOTTE.

Charlotte, St. Peter's	32	\$ 7.61	\$ 12.88	\$22.95	\$ 5.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 19.72	1	\$ 25.60	\$ 103.76
Concord, All Saints'										
Monroe, St. Paul's	10	1.00					6.00	1	10.00	17.00
Southern Pines, Emmanuel	9			5.00			30.00			35.00
Wadesboro, Calvary	14	1.40				2.50	12.52	1	15.00	31.42

CONVOCATION OF RALEIGH.

Chapel Hill, Chapel of the Cross	14	1.00	8.32	2.25		2.51	5.00	3	44.50	6.00
Durham, St. Philip's	20	4.20	5.56				7.00	1	29.00	63.81
Henderson, Holy Innocents	22	2.20	5.87		2.00	2.00	4.00	1	35.00	43.76
Hillsboro, St. Matthew's	26	4.22	5.00		3.30	3.30	19.50	1	13.00	53.09
Louisburg, St. Paul's	12	3.25	6.40	1.20	3.78	15.78	5.00	1	27.00	47.35
Oxford, St. Stephen's	36	1.60					26.00	2	35.00	60.76
Pittsboro, St. Bartholomew's	25	.50					10.00	1	31.45	61.50
Raleigh, Christ Church	39	4.90	33.12	1.00	11.00	7.58	107.40	1	87.00	99.05
Raleigh, Good Shepherd	19	7.57	11.55	10.00	11.45	5.95	6.60	3		240.12
Raleigh, St. Mary's	18	1.80					5.00	1	15.00	8.40
Raleigh, St. Ambrose	14	.50	1.80							22.30
Ridgeway, Good Shepherd	1		3.75							3.75
Stovall, St. Peter's	2		3.76							3.76

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY—CONTINUED.

PARISH BRANCHES.	Members.	Central Fund.	MISSIONS.					Boxes.	Value.	Total.
			United Offering.	General Missions.	Foreign.	Domestic.	Diocesan.			
CONVOCATION OF SALISBURY.										
Fork Church	2	40	2.50				6.60	1	20.00	2.50
Elkin. (Report too late)		1.70					5.00			27.00
Greensboro. St. Barnabas	22	90	1.00	6.00			6.25			6.70
Leaksville, Epiphany	9	30					59.95	1	10.00	14.15
Salisbury, St. Luke's	30	2.40	9.85	5.60	15.00	4.25	12.50	2	70.40	72.95
Winston, St. Paul's	30									120.00
CONVOCATION OF TARBORO.										
Battleboro. St. John's	7	70	1.75	2.50	25	25	1.75	1	10.00	17.20
Halifax, St. Mark's	10	1.00	8.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	13.00			28.00
Jackson, Church of our Saviour	7	70		1.50	2.00	2.00	90			7.10
Ringwood, St. Clement's	4	30								30
Rocky Mount, Good Shepherd	23	2.30		3.90	2.28	2.28	4.24			15.00
Scotland Neck, Trinity	16		9.32	2.10	5.00	15.00	10.00	1	15.00	56.42
Tarboro, Calvary	35	3.40	12.00	5.00	3.00	3.00	65.45	1	48.00	139.85
Warrenton Emmanuel	22	2.20	4.45	1.12	2.00	2.00	22.21	1	21.39	55.37
Weldon, Grace	2						2.40			2.40
Wilson, St. Timothy's	532	\$60.75	\$146.88	\$72.12	\$ 68.06	\$ 80.43	\$175.99	26	\$562.34	\$1,465.77

Miss MARY E. HORNER, Diocesan Secretary.

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR DEPARTMENT OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

NAMES OF PARISHES.	Members.	Central Fund.	MISSIONS.						Boxes.	Value.	Specials.	Total.
			United Offering.	General.	Valle Crucis.	Diocesan.	Domestic.	Foreign.				
Battleboro, St. John's Branch	6	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	1.25
Bristow, St. Mark's Branch	9				2.00						1.50	3.50
Charlotte, St. Peter's Branch	20			50								50
Greensboro, St. Andrew's Sunday-school					20							20
Halifax, St. Mark's Sunday-school	10		38	55	3.19							4.12
Hardcrabble, St. Mary's Branch	3	17	1.00	25	1.00				3	9.00	17.50	28.92
Henderson, Holy Innocents Branch	21	1.25	7.00	1.10	12.50				1	3.00		24.85
Hillsboro, St. Matthew's Branch	20								1	12.00		12.00
Jackson, Church of the Saviour Branch	15	32	59	50	4.75		51	51				7.18
Leaksville, Epiphany Branch	6	27		50	3.97		43	43				5.60
Lenoir, St. James					6.00							6.00
Lincolnton, St. Luke's Branch					3.75							3.75
Milton, Christ Church Branch	8	07			25							32
Oxford, St. Stephen's Junior Branch	23	57	3.22	1.50	10.00				1	12.50	12.00	39.79
Oxford, Bible Class Rev. J. M. Horner					4.00							4.00
Pittsboro, Mary Lippitt Branch	12	07	1.00	1.00	16.00				1	3.00		21.07
Raleigh, Christ Church S. S. Branch	149			2.95	6.35							9.50
Raleigh, St. Agnes Guild					2.00							2.00
Raleigh, St. Augustine's School Branch	140	50	6.80		5.86	4.00		10.00				27.16
Raleigh, St. Augustine's Ch. S. S. Branch	150	50	1.20		5.00		2.00					8.70
Raleigh, St. Mary's School Branch	32	11		13.00	28.50	7.50		40.00	4	11.00	12.15	122.26
Raleigh, Good Shepherd T. O. Guild	15	57	1.00		5.00						51.00	57.57
Reidsville, St. Thomas Sunday-school		10			45							55
Ridgeway, Good Shepherd Branch	10	57		7.20	6.00				2	11.00	3.50	30.27
Rocky Mount, Young Christian Soldiers	15		Organized		March	12th.	1897.					

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR DEPARTMENT—CONTINUED.

NAMES OF PARISHES.	Members.	Central Fund.	MISSIONS.						Boxes.	Value.	Specials.	Total.
			United.	General.	Valle Crucis.	Diocesan.	Domestic.	Foreign.				
Rowan County, St. Andrew's	7	85	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Salisbury, St. Luke's Branch				10.00	1.03	5.00	1.50	1.50	1	10.00		1.03
Salisbury, St. Paul's					6.25							35.10
Scotland Neck, Trinity Branch	45	57	9	1.13	75							75
Scotland Neck, Carrie Hall Chapter	16	08			1.79						9.86	16.57
Southern Pines, Emmanuel Branch	16				2.25		5.23	1.18				2.37
Tarboro, Calvary Branch	15	07			4.00		50	50				8.66
Tarboro, Calvary Sunday-school					1.04							5.07
Warrenton, Gilbert Higgs Branch	36	57	3.50	3.00	2.00				2	15.00		1.04
Weldon, Grace Church Sunday-school				25	2.46							50.07
Winston, St. Paul's Branch	24	50	1.00	1.00	10.00		56	1.81	3	15.00		2.71
37 Branches	823	\$ 7.71	\$27.59	\$50.18	\$189.90	\$26.50	\$11.23	\$57.93	9	\$ 101.50	\$ 107.50	\$ 574.30

Louisburg Sunday-school—(too late for report) General Missions \$5.75, making the grand total \$580.05.

Mrs. H. H. S. HANDY, *Director Junior Department.*

FIRST ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE BABIES' BRANCH, WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

Foreign Missions: Bishop Atkinson Cot in Mr. Osuga's Orphanage, Japan \$50.00.

Domestic Missions: Indian work in North Dakota, through United Thank Offering \$4.00. St. Augustine's School \$2.75—total \$6.75.

Diocesan Missions: Thompson Orphanage \$10.50. Central Fund of the Branch \$18.00—total \$28.50.

General Missions: United Offering 10.00. *Aggregate* \$95.25. Balance on hand \$2.66.

Members enrolled to report December, 1896, 184. Members reporting 165.

Mrs. W. J. SMITH, *Director Babies' Branch.*

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL,
CHARLOTTE, N. C.

December 31, 1896, closed the twenty-first year of the work of this Hospital. It has cared for 997 patients during the twenty-one years. It has erected one small house, and has added to it twice, as more room was needed, at a cost of \$3,000, and is now preparing a large addition to the building, which will be completed as soon as the money for it can be collected.

During these twenty-one years no disturbance, fire or quarrel has troubled its peace, and the quiet and harmony of the work has been most gratifying.

The Hospital record shows that 93 patients were treated during the year 1896—45 males and 48 females—for 3,009 sick days. Six of the number were children. Five deaths occurred. The patients were classed as follows:

From Charlotte.....	22
From Mecklenburg County.....	14
From other parts of North Carolina	41
From other States and countries	16
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	93

Methodists 24; Presbyterians 16; Episcopalians 11; Baptists 10; Lutherans 6; Roman Catholics 4; Israelites 1; No church 21; total 93.

Seven valuable boxes were received from branches of the Woman's Auxiliary in Connecticut, Massachusetts and Washington. D. C.

The total receipts in money were.....	\$1,433.12
Current expenses.....	1,421.47

Balance to 1897	\$11.65
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The debt due December, 1895, has been paid. Debts December 31, 1896, for drugs and provisions, \$250. Work on the new building has been suspended for want of funds. It will require \$5,000 to complete it. The work done is substantial and the building will be convenient for Hospital purposes. Every effort is now being made to raise the amount.

The record of the year 1896 is very satisfactory, as regards the relief given, charity cases cared for and cures effected. A railroad wreck has proved its capacity and its usefulness in caring for the injured. A variety of successful operations has demonstrated the skill of its Hospital staff and the ability of its nurses. But it lacks many of the conveniences and appliances of a thoroughly equipped Hospital. Each year sees some improvement, and the managers hope that in time their

earnest desires will be realized, and their long labors rewarded by having the institution in first-class order and well endowed for future usefulness.

MRS. T. R. ROBERTSON, *President.*

MRS. JOHN WILKES, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

January 1, 1897.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL FOR COLORED PEOPLE, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

During 1896 this Hospital has cared for 83 patients for a total of 1,640 days—48 males, 35 females. Six patients died. Forty patients belonged to Charlotte, 12 to Mecklenburg County, 19 to other parts of North Carolina, and 12 to other States. All but 11 were charity cases. All kinds of cases were received, and all ages—from a three-year old child to men helpless from old age. That so few deaths occurred was remarkable. The financial report is as follows:

Balance from 1895.....	\$ 37.17
Received in 1896	1,274.77
Total	<u>\$1,311.94</u>
Current expenses.....	1,269.64
Balance to 1895.....	<u>\$42.30</u>

Drs. Faison, Pressly and Pope have had charge of the Hospital, and have been most kind and skilful. The Matron is a graduate of the Freedman's Hospital, Washington, D. C., and is especially fitted for the position. The Managers have not yet been able to establish the training school for nurses, from want of room as well as want of funds, but they still hope to accomplish it.

Some boxes and other gifts have been received from northern branches of the Woman's Auxiliary. The Colored Graded School and St. Michael's Parish School, of Charlotte, both sent Thanksgiving donations of provisions.

The number of patients was much larger than the previous year, and of course the expenses were increased.

MRS. JOHN WILKES, *President.*

MRS. R. P. LARDNER, *Vice-President.*

January 1, 1897.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS, 1897.

Clergy—Bishop 1, Priests 45, Deacons 5	51
Ordinations—Priests	2
Clergy received	6
Clergy transferred	3
Church consecrated	1
Candidates for Priest's Orders	4
Candidates for Deacon's Orders	1
Postulants	5
Lay Readers	12
Parishes	39
Organized Missions	17
Unorganized Missions	25
Families reported	1,691
Baptized persons	7,379
Baptisms—Infant 344, Adult 89, total	433
Confirmed	268
Communicants	4,194
Marriages	75
Burials	159
Sunday-school teachers	388
scholars	3,245
Parish school teachers	22
scholars	796
Industrial school teachers	5
scholars	141
Churches and Chapels	86
Church sittings	17,370
Rectories	27
Parochial Property :	
Endowments	\$ 5,028
Value of church buildings	240,662
“ rectories	57,600
“ other property	20,299
Total	\$ 323,589
Insurance	79,625
Indebtedness on property	11,007
Other indebtedness	920

SOURCES OF INCOME.

Communion Alms	\$ 1,397.75
Other offerings in church	18,292.78
Sunday-school offerings	1,325.28
Parish Societies	4,839.82
All other sources	20,977.71
Total	\$46,833.34

EXPENDITURES.

Parochial.

Alms	\$ 826.08
Parish Missions	620.97
Ministers' salaries	18,918.47
Current expenses	5,082.69
Improvements and repairs	6,647.33
Other Parochial objects	3,988.89
Total	\$36,084.43

Diocesan.

Episcopal and Contingent Fund	\$ 2,112.62
Permanent Episcopal Fund	105.00
Diocesan Missions	1,958.54
Church Building Fund	29.46
Education Fund	103.96
Relief Fund	40.15
Thompson Orphanage	1,629.87
Convocation	132.65
Other Diocesan objects	356.63
Total	\$ 6,468.88

General.

General Missions	\$ 1,007.13
Foreign Missions	419.11
Domestic Missions	350.30
Indian Missions	8.55
Colored Missions	34.54
Jewish Missions	105.94
University of the South	60.83
Clergymen's Retiring Fund	189.86
Widows and Orphans Fund	171.98
American Church Building Fund	73.02
Other General objects	341.90
Total	\$ 2,763.16
Aggregate	\$45,316.47

APPENDIX C.

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1897.

To the Convention of the Diocese of North Carolina :

Your Treasurer presents herewith his accounts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1897, showing balances as follows :

	DR.	CR.
Permanent Episcopal Fund		\$ 5,473 51
Increase Permanent Episcopal Fund		482 79
Fund for the Education of Children of Deceased Clergymen		1,234 35
Fund for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen, etc.		535 87
Current Episcopal and Contingent Fund	\$ 2,921 63	
Fund for Diocesan Missions		166 80
Relief Fund		64 95
Education Fund		57
Church Building Fund		123 39
To balance	5,160 60	
	\$ 8,082 23	\$ 8,082 20
By balance		\$ 5,160 63

CHAS. E. JOHNSON, *Treasurer.*

LIST OF SECURITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF NORTH CAROLINA IN HANDS OF TREASURER APRIL 1, 1897.

PERMANENT EPISCOPAL FUND.

	<i>Par Value.</i>
Bond of Trinity Church, Scotland Neck, 6 per cent	\$ 600 00
Bond of L. A. and V. C. Talton	500 00
North Carolina 4 per cent. bonds	2,500 00
2 North Carolina 6 per cent. bonds	2,000 00
9 shares Missouri Pacific Railroad stock	900 00
University of North Carolina scrip (nominal)	10 00
38 shares North Carolina Railroad stock	3,800 00
1 bond and mortgage, J. R. Pearce and wife	500 00
1 Raleigh Cotton Mill bond	1,000 00
20 shares Wilmington and Weldon Railroad stock	2,000 00
	\$ 13,810 00

FUND FOR EDUCATION OF CHILDREN OF DECEASED CLERGYMEN.

2 Craven County bonds, \$500 each, 6 per cent., payable 1909, Nos. 218, 219	\$ 1,000 00
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A—E. C.

<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Fund for Increase of Permanent Episcopal Fund,</i>	
To Treasurer's commissions on receipts, \$3,772.47 at 5 per cent -----	\$	188 62
To Treasurer's commissions on receipts, \$713.35 at 5 per cent -----		35 66
To amount paid Mrs. Lyman, interest Episcopal Residence -----		455 00
To balance -----		482 79
	\$	1,162 07

in Account with Chas. E. Johnson, Treasurer.

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1896			
April	1	By balance	\$ 448 72
		By amount from Rev. McNeely DuBose	20 00
		By amount from Mr. G. H. Snow	25 00
		By amount from Mr. P. D. Walker	50 00
		By amount from Mr. W. H. S. Burgwyn	55 00
		By amount from Mrs. Robt. Long	23 60
		By amount from Miss E. A. Pool	10 00
		By amount from Mrs. B. S. Leak	25 00
		By amount from Mr. R. H. Battle	25 00
		By amount from Mr. K. P. Battle	5 00
		By amount from Mr. W. A. Erwin	100 00
		By amount from Mr. A. E. Boardman	175 00
		By amount from Mr. H. G. Connor	20 00
		By amount from Mr. E. K. Powe	6 25
		By amount from Mrs. L. H. Walker	1 00
		By amount from Mr. J. H. Tucker	25 00
		By amount from St. Augustine's School	25 00
		By amount from Mr. C. E. Johnson	100 00
		By amount from Bishop J. B. Cheshire	22 50
			\$ 1,162 07
1897			
April	1	By balance	\$ 482 79

Dr. Permanent Episcopal Fund, in Account

To balance	\$ 5,473 51
	<u>\$ 5,473 51</u>

Dr. Fund for the Education of Children of Deceased

To commissions on receipts	\$ 3 00
To balance	1,234 35
	<u>\$ 1,237 35</u>

*Dr. Fund for Relief of Disabled Clergymen and Widows
Chas. E. Johnson, Treasurer,*

To balance	\$ 535 87
	<u>\$ 535 87</u>

Dr. Income of Permanent Episcopal Fund,

To amount credited Current Episcopal Fund.	\$ 813 25
	<u>\$ 813 25</u>

with Chas. E. Johnson, Treasurer.

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1896	April 1	By balance -----	\$	5,473 51
			\$	5,473 51
1897	April 1	By balance -----	\$	5,473 51

Clergymen, in Account with Chas. E. Johnson, Treasurer. *Cr.*

1896	April 1	By balance -----	\$	1,177 35
		By coupons on Craven County bonds -----		60 00
			\$	1,237 35
1897	April 1	By balance -----	\$	1,234 35

and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, in Account with *Cr.*
"Clergy Relief Fund."

1896	April 1	By balance -----	\$	535 87
			\$	535 87
1897	April 1	By balance -----	\$	535 87

in Account with Chas. E. Johnson, Treasurer.

Cr.

By amount dividend 38 shares N. C. R. R. stock ..	\$	247 00
By amount interest, bond and mortgage, on Trinity Church, Scotland Neck -----		146 25
By amount coupons N. C. 4 per cent. bonds -----		100 00
By amount dividends W. & W. R. R. stock -----		140 00
By amount coupons N. C. 6 per cent. bonds -----		120 00
By amount coupons Raleigh Cotton Mill bond ---		60 00
	\$	813 25

in Account with Chas. E. Johnson, Treasurer.

Cr.

By amount from churches (see tabulated state- ment) -----	\$	2,374 54
By amount from income P. E. Fund -----		813 25
By balance -----		2,921 63

\$ 6,109 42

<i>Dr.</i>		<i>Fund for Diocesan Missions, in Account</i>	
1896			
April 1	To balance -----	\$	446 86
	To amount paid Rev. F. W. Wey, balance salary to Sept. 1, 1896 -----		44 35
	To amt. pd. Rev. J. B. Averitt, "Bishop's Specials" -----		50 00
	To amount paid Rev. F. W. Hilliard, "Bishop's Specials" -----		9 00
	To amount paid Rev. F. W. Wey, "Bishop's Specials" -----		50 00
	To amount paid Rev. Arthur Rooney, "Bishop's Specials" -----		35 00
	To amount paid Rev. J. H. Williams, "Bishop's Specials" -----		50 00
	To amount paid Rev. J. H. Griffith, "Bishop's Specials" -----		65 00
	To amount paid Rev. F. A. Fetter, "Bishop's Specials" -----		62 50
	To amount paid Rev. J. A. Weston, "Bishop's Specials" -----		25 00
	To amount paid Rev. Charles Fetter, "Bishop's Specials" -----		25 00
	To amt. pd. Rev. P. P. Alston, Missionary stipend, -----		37 50
	To amount paid Chapel Hill, Missionary stipend -----		275 00
	To amt. pd. Rev. J. H. Griffith, Missionary stipend, -----		100 00
	To amt. pd. Rev. J. W. Barker, Missionary stipend, -----		50 00
	To amount paid Rev. E. L. Henderson, Missionary stipend -----		25 00
	To amt. pd. Rev. Chas. Fetter, Missionary stipend -----		100 00
	To amt. pd. Rev. J. B. Averitt, Missionary stipend -----		50 00
	To amt. pd. Rev. J. C. Davis, Missionary stipend -----		75 00
	To amount paid Rev. J. A. Deal, Missionary stipend, -----		100 00
	To amount paid Rev. F. W. Hilliard, Missionary stipend -----		75 00
	To amount paid Rev. B. S. McKenzie, Missionary stipend -----		50 00
	To amt. pd. Rev. J. D. Miller, Missionary stipend -----		150 00
	To amt. pd. Rev. G. W. Phelps, Missionary stipend, -----		125 00
	To amount paid Rev. W. F. Rice, Missionary stipend, -----		75 00
	To amt. pd. Rev. W. J. Smith, Missionary stipend -----		100 00
	To amt. pd. Rev. J. A. Weston, Missionary stipend, -----		50 00
	To amt. pd. Rev. T. C. Wetmore, Missionary stipend, -----		100 00
	To amt. pd. Rev. W. R. Wetmore, Missionary stipend, -----		100 00
	To amt. pd. Rev. J. H. Williams, Missionary stipend, -----		112 50
	To amt. pd. Rev. J. E. King, Missionary stipend -----		75 00
	To amt. pd. Rev. C. T. Bland, Missionary stipend -----		50 00
	To amt. pd. Rev. S. S. Bost, Missionary stipend -----		50 00
	To amt. pd. Rev. R. B. Owens, Missionary stipend, -----		50 00
	To amt. pd. Rev. H. T. Gregory, Missionary stipend, -----		50 00
	To amt. pd. Rev. Thos. E. Winecoff, salary -----		75 00
	To amt. pd. Rev. Thos. E. Winecoff, stationery, postage, etc -----		11 52
	To amt. pd. Rev. S. B. Rathbun, bal. account to January 1, 1896 -----		136 31
	To commissions on receipts -----		119 71
	To balance -----		166 80
		\$	3,397 05

with Chas. E. Johnson, Treasurer.

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By amount from Salisbury Branch Woman's Auxiliary	\$ 8 19
By amount from Raleigh Convocation, Church of St. Athanasius, Burlington	62 90
By amount from Hot Springs	2 50
By amount from Laurel Hill	5 00
By amount from Rockingham	55
By amount from Mr. John Wilkes	25 00
By amount from churches (see tabular statement)	1,890 15
By amount from Bishop's collections (see tabular statement)	400 00
By amount from Hicks Fund to balance this account to October 1, 1896	1,002 76

1897
April 1

By balance

\$	3,397 05
\$	166 80

Dr. *Relief Fund, in Account with*

To amount paid Rev. R. W. Barber	\$	50 00
To amount paid Rev. T. E. Winecoff		15 00
To commissions on receipts		2 32
To balance		64 95
	\$	132 27

Dr. *Education Fund, in Account with*

To amount paid A. W. Springs	\$	10 00
To amount paid E. L. Henderson		15 00
To amount paid R. G. Shannonhouse		50 00
To amount paid Thos. Bost		50 00
To commissions on receipts		4 75
To balance		57
	\$	130 32

Dr. *Church Building Fund, in Account*

To commissions on receipts	\$	1 34
To balance		123 39
	\$	124 73

*Chas. E. Johnson, Treasurer.**Cr.*

1896			
April	1	By balance	\$ 85 76
		By amount from churches (see tabular statement)	46 51
			\$ 132 27
1897			
April	1	By balance	\$ 64 95

*Chas. E. Johnson, Treasurer.**Cr.*

1896			
April	1	By balance	\$ 35 29
		By amount from churches (see tabulated statement)	95 03
			\$ 130 32
1897			
April	1	By balance	\$ 57

*with Chas. E. Johnson, Treasurer.**Cr.*

1896			
April	1	By balance	\$ 97 92
		By amount from churches (see tabulated statement)	26 81
			\$ 124 73
1897			
April	1	By balance	\$ 123 39

TABULAR STATEMENT,

SHOWING AMOUNTS RECEIVED FROM PARISHES AND CONGREGATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1897.

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Cullowhee	Jacks'n St. David's	4 58	3 66	10 06	1 50	15	1 00	11 40	
Charlotte	St. Mary the Virgin	12 00			66	1 55			
Cunningham's	Mission	96 00	96 00	35 44				5 50	
Durham	St. Philip's	6 60						12 73	
Enfield	Church of the Advent								
Edgecombe Co	Grace Memorial Chapel							13 39	
Edgecombe Co	St. Mary's	6 60							
Fairtosh	Salem Chapel	6 00						3 04	
Franklin	St. Agnes			4 15					
Franklin	St. John's Mission	3 30	3 30					3 45	
Fletcher	Calvary Church			14 00					
Flat Rock	St. John's in the Wilderness							2 55	
Gaston	St. Luke's	9 90							
Goshen	St. Paul's	3 60	3 60	5 70				5 00	5 00
Greensboro	St. Barnabas	48 00	36 00	11 58				6 00	
Germanton	St. Phillip's	6 00	6 00					61	
Greensboro	St. Andrew's	48 00	24 00	49 05				1 22	
Halifax	St. Mark's	12 00	11 00	3 41	1 22	2 48			
Henderson	Church of the Holy Innocents	120 00	92 00	64 00	2 00	2 00	1 00		
Henderson Co.	Calvary Church	30 00	30 00					5 35	31 00
Henderson	St. Paul's	3 30						3 85	5 50
Hendersonville	St. James	3 30						10 00	5 50
Hickory	Church of the Ascension	30 00							35 00
High Point	St. Mary's	12 00							5 00
Highlands	Mission			4 76				10 29	
Hillsboro	St Matthew's	132 00	127 00	84 43	6 34	3 25			10 00
Hot Springs	St. John's	3 00			3 61				10 00
Iredell County	St. James	13 20		5 15	70			87	11 00
Jackson	Church of the Saviour	60 00	60 00	39 30					
Kittrell	St. James	30 00	15 35	14 87					
Laurel Hill	Mission							2 66	
Leaksville	Church of the Epiphany	18 00	15 00	3 00	2 75				
Lenoir	St. James	42 00	10 50	5 00	1 00	150	1 00		
Lexington	Church of the Redeemer	12 00	5 86	4 85					

TABULAR STATEMENT.—CONTINUED.

FROM WHOM RECEIVED.	Assessment for Episcopal and Contingent Fund.	Amount Paid on Contingent and Episcopal Fund.	Diocesan Missions.	Relief Fund.	Education Fund.	Church Building Fund.	Bishop's Collec- tion for Diocesan Missions.	Amount Paid on Arrears.	Amount in Arrears April 1, 1896.
Lincolnton	\$ 24 00	\$ 24 00	\$ 8 75	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Lincolnton	2 40	2 40					1 90	2 60	2 60
Lincoln County			40						
Littleton	6 00	6 00	11 62					5 50	5 50
Lincoln County			1 90			1 70			
Louisburg	42 00	20 00							
Louisburg	3 00			81					
Macon County	3 30						3 15		
Mount Airy							8 40		
Marion	3 30						5 48		
Mecklenburg							30 19		5 50
Mecklenburg	6 60	2 00					2 91	11 00	11 00
Mecklenburg							81		
Middleburg	6 60	5 00	13 52						
Micadale							13 00		
Milton	6 00								4 00
Monroe	30 00	25 00	23 34	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 66		
Madison							1 59		
Morganton		10 00						3 75	3 75
Murphy	33 00						6 76		
Oxford	90 00		45 95					75 97	131 71
Old Fort	1 32		63				11 92		
Orange County	2 40								

Pittsboro	St. Bartholomew's	66 00	31 21	61 70	---	5 00	4 40	4 87
Pittsboro	St. James	7 20	7 20	---	---	---	---	2 24
Raleigh	Christ Church	330 00	330 00	297 74	7 48	11 30	10 36	19 29
Raleigh	St. Mary's	60 00	60 00	13 25	---	---	---	---
Raleigh	Good Shepherd	180 00	180 00	70 40	---	---	---	9 50
Raleigh	St. Saviour's Chapel	---	---	---	---	---	1 50	2 44
Raleigh	St. Ambrose	15 00	10 00	3 30	---	---	---	---
Raleigh	St. Augustine	10 00	10 00	20 00	---	---	---	---
Ridgeway	Church of the Good Sheph'd	24 00	---	45 75	---	---	---	17 00
Ringwood	St. Clements	21 00	---	---	---	---	---	---
Reidsville	St. Thomas'	13 20	13 20	---	2 23	---	---	---
Rocky Mount	Good Shepherd	72 00	72 00	10 00	---	---	---	5 61
Rowan County	Christ Church	15 84	15 84	10 00	---	---	---	1 35
Rowan County	St. Matthew's	---	---	---	---	---	---	61
Rowan County	St. Andrew's	15 84	15 84	4 92	1 00	1 16	85	1 90
Rowan County	St. Jude's	3 60	---	---	---	94	---	1 00
Rowan County	St. George	---	---	---	---	---	---	76
Rowan County	St. Paul's	7 20	---	---	84	67	---	---
Rowan County	St. Mary's	9 60	---	---	79	---	---	---
Rowan County	St. John's	---	---	---	37	24	---	---
Rutherfordton	St. John's	6 60	6 06	---	---	---	---	2 45
Salisbury	St. Luke's	120 00	---	46 20	---	---	---	2 06
Saluda	Church of the Transfigurat'n	3 00	---	---	---	---	---	50 00
Scotland Neck	Trinity Church	60 00	47 50	24 70	1 71	2 75	---	10 00
Stovall	St. Peter's	3 60	3 60	11 50	---	---	---	24 35
Sylva	Mission	---	---	---	---	---	---	65
Sanford	Mission	---	---	1 00	---	---	---	1 75
Shelby	Church of the Redeemer	6 00	---	17	---	---	---	5 15
Statesville	Trinity Church	24 00	16 67	5 50	---	---	---	2 20
Surry County	Elkin Mission	3 30	---	---	---	---	---	---
Southern Pines	Emanuel Church	12 00	---	10 10	---	---	---	7 53
Tarboro	Calvary Church	180 00	39 63	100 89	---	---	---	7 11
Tarboro	St. Luke's	19 80	16 50	---	---	---	---	00

REPORT OF CONDITION OF FUNDS IN HANDS
OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE DIOCESE OF
NORTH CAROLINA, APRIL 1, 1897.

LIST OF SECURITIES.

RAVENSCROFT FUND.

	<i>Par Value.</i>
Certificate of Indebtedness W. & W. Railroad	\$ 2,000 00
Bank of New Hanover stock	2,500 00
Bond and mortgage M. E. Carter (balance)	1,712 51
Loan to Fellows of Ravenscroft for repairs of building in 1887	2,000 00
Eighty shares American Improvement and Construction Com- pany	4,000 00
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	\$12,212 51

HICKS FUND.

Missouri Pacific stock	\$ 900 00
Bond and Mortgage G. W. Massengill	1,500 00
Bond and mortgage E. J. Hardin	1,000 00
Bond and mortgage J. W. Gattis	1,000 00
Bond and mortgage E. S. Hall	1,000 00
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	\$ 5,400 00

MISS MARY SMITH FUND.

Bond and mortgage W. C. Johnson and wife	\$ 200 00
Bond and mortgage Chapel Hill rectory	200 00
Bond and mortgage O. L. Stringfield	500 00
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	\$ 900 00

Dr. Miss Mary Ruffin Smith Fund, in Account

	To commissions on receipts -----	\$	10 67
	To balance -----		3 049 68
		\$	3,060 35

Dr. Mrs. Mary Shepherd Speight Legacy,

Dr. Ravenscroft Fund, in Account with

1896			
April 1	To balance -----	\$	246 14
	To commissions on receipts -----		13 00
	To balance -----		86
		\$	260 00

Dr. Hicks Fund, in Account with

	To amount paid C. R. Garland for lot in Bakersville, \$	75 00
	To amount paid Bishop J. B. Cheshire -----	416 67
	To amount to balance Diocesan Mission Fund to October 1, 1896 -----	1,002 76
	To commissions on receipts -----	11 12
	To balance -----	577 41
		\$ 2,082 96

with Chas. E. Johnson, Treasurer.

Cr.

1896			
April	1	By balance	\$ 2,846 85
		By one-half collections by Hon. K. P. Battle, Exr.,	30 00
		By one-half collections by Hon. K. P. Battle, Exr.,	25 00
		By one-half collections by Hon. K. P. Battle, Exr.,	25 00
		By one-half collections by Hon. K. P. Battle, Exr.,	70 00
		By one-half collections by Hon. K. P. Battle, Exr.,	23 50
		By interest O. L. Stringfield note	40 00
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			\$ 3,060 35
1897			
April	1	By balance	\$ 3,049 68

in Account with Chas. E. Johnson, Treasurer.

Cr.

1897			
April	1	By balance	\$ 1,000 00

Chas. E. Johnson.

Cr.

		By interest on certificate of indebtedness W. & W. R. R	\$ 140 00
		By dividend stock Atlantic Coast Line R. R	120 00
			<hr/>
			\$ 260 00
1897			
April	1	By balance	\$ 86

Chas. E. Johnson.

Cr.

1896			
April	1	By balance	\$ 1,860 56
		By amount G. W. Massengill on note (interest) ..	122 40
		By amount collected, rent on Hardin property ..	100 00
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			\$ 2,082 96
1897			
April	1	By balance	\$ 577 41

APPENDIX D.

ACT OF INCORPORATION OF THE TRUSTEES OF SAINT MARY'S SCHOOL, RATIFIED MARCH 2, 1897.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact :

SECTION 1. That Joseph Blount Cheshire Jr., Alfred A. Watson, Francis J. Murdoch, Julian E. Ingle, Charles E. Johnson, William A. Erwin, Robert Strange, Wharton J. Green, McNeely Dubose, Theo. F. Davidson, their associates and successors, be and they are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of "The Trustees of Saint Mary's School," for the purpose of carrying on, or causing to be carried on under their direction, authority and supervision, a school for the education of girls, and under that name and style they shall have perpetual succession and shall be capable in law to take, receive, hold and purchase lands, tenements and hereditaments of any value which may be granted, sold, devised or otherwise conveyed to said corporation; and shall also be capable in law to take, receive and possess all moneys, goods and chattels of any value and to any amount which may be given, sold or bequeathed to or for said corporation.

SEC. 2. That said corporation shall be capable in law to bargain, sell and convey any and all lands, tenements, hereditaments and personal property held and owned by the corporation, when the grant, devise or other conveyances does not otherwise provide.

SEC. 3. That said corporation shall have power to make and establish such by-laws, rules and regulations for the government of said school as to them may seem proper and necessary, and as are not in conflict with the Constitution and laws of this State and of the United States: *Provided*, The said corporation shall be under the jurisdiction, control and direction of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of North Carolina, as represented by the Bishops and legislative bodies of said Church within the limits of the State of North Carolina, as is hereinafter more particularly specified.

SEC. 4. That said corporation may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in all the courts, and shall have the power to make and use a common seal, and to alter the same at pleasure.

SEC. 5. That the said trustees, omitting such as may hereinafter be declared *ex officio* members, shall be divided into two classes of equal number, the first class to hold office three years from the first day of January, 1897, and until their successors shall have been appointed; and the second class shall hold office six years from the same date, and

until their successors shall have been appointed; and thereafter all terms shall be for three years. That at any time said trustees, or their successors, shall have power to add to their number: *Provided*, that the whole number of trustees, exclusive of *ex officio* members, shall not exceed sixteen; and any six of said trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. That every Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, exercising jurisdiction within the State of North Carolina, shall be *ex officio* a member of said board of trustees. That when a vacancy shall occur by the resignation or death of a trustee, or by the expiration of his term as above limited, his successor shall be elected by the representative Convention of that Diocese or Jurisdiction of said Church in the State of North Carolina with which said trustee was connected. Upon the failure for one year of such body to elect a successor, the remaining trustees shall have power to fill the vacancy. When an election to fill a vacancy caused by death or resignation is had, such new trustee shall hold only for the remainder of the term of his predecessor.

SEC. 6. That the said trustees shall have power to appoint their own president, secretary and treasurer, for such time as they may deem proper, and to elect such professors, tutors and other officers of the aforesaid school, as they shall deem qualified to discharge the duties of their several offices and positions, may fix their term of office, and may remove them for misbehavior, inability, neglect of duty, or other cause, which shall be deemed advisable to said board of trustees, and do any and all things and acts usually given to literary institutions.

SEC. 7. That the said trustees shall hold their meetings from time to time, as often as may be necessary, and that said board of trustees shall make a report, at least annually, to the several bodies having power to fill vacancies.

SEC. 8. That the faculty of said school, with the advice and consent of the board of trustees, shall have power to confer all such degrees and marks of distinction as are usually conferred by colleges and universities.

SEC. 9. That the property, real and personal, belonging to and held by said corporation, shall be exempt from taxation.

SEC. 10. That the said "Saint Mary's School" shall be located in Raleigh, or in such other place in North Carolina as said trustees may determine.

SEC. 11. That in case, for any cause, said trustees should determine to abandon the trust imposed on them, all property belonging to them shall be devoted to such religious, charitable or educational purposes as may be determined upon by the several representative bodies entitled to elect said trustees and fill vacancies as aforesaid, having respect, as far as practicable, to the proportions in which the several Dioceses or Jurisdictions have created said fund.

SEC. 12. This act shall take effect from and after its ratification.

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED AND RATIFIED BY THE CONVENTION SINCE 1888.

CONSTITUTION: Article III, Section 3, line 3. Change *twelve* to *six*.

Article XII. Strike out section 1, and insert:

SECTION 1. When a Bishop or Assistant Bishop is to be elected, the Convention shall vote by ballot and by orders; and a concurrence of a majority of all the clergy entitled to vote in the Convention, and of the delegates from at least twenty Parishes in union with the Convention (the said delegates voting by Parishes), shall be necessary to an election.

CANONS: Chapter I. Canon VIII. Strike out the first paragraph of section 1, and insert:

SECTION 1. In addition to the Standing Committee, there shall be elected annually the following committees, of which the Bishop shall be chairman *ex officio*, viz.: An Education Committee, to consist of three; a Church Building Committee, to consist of five; and an Executive Missionary Committee, composed as follows: The Bishop, the Deans of Convocations, and the Treasurer of the Diocese, *ex officio*; five laymen, to be elected by the Convention, and an Executive Secretary, to be elected by the Committee, any five of whom shall constitute a quorum.

Chapter I, Canon VIII. Section 3. Add:

The duties of the Executive Secretary shall be such as the Committee may from time to time designate. His salary shall be determined by the Committee, and shall be paid from the Missionary Treasury.

Chapter I, Canon XIV. Strike out the Canon and insert as follows:

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of every Clergyman of the Diocese to make a collection in the Parish or Parishes under his charge at least once in each year, in aid of the Education Fund, the Church Building Fund and the Relief Fund of the Diocese.

SEC. 2. It shall also be the duty of the Minister in charge of each congregation in the Diocese to obtain, through the agency of the Laity, from every member of the same, if possible, an individual subscription, payable monthly, to the Diocesan Missionary Fund.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Clergyman, or of some proper officer of each Parish, to remit promptly to the Treasurer of the Diocese the amounts collected as herein provided.

Chapter I, Canon XVIII. After the word *amount* insert *of aid*.

Chapter II, Canon I, section 1. Strike out all after the word *Raleigh*, and insert *of Salisbury, and of Charlotte*.

Chapter II, Canon I, section 2. Strike out the last paragraph.

Chapter II, Canon I, section 3. Add as follows:

The Convocation shall always be subject to a call to meet the Bishop at a special session when he begins a visitation within its limits.

Chapter II, Canon II.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Dean of each Convocation:

(1) Under the direction and control of the Bishop, to superintend all Missionary work carried on by the Convocation; (2) to make a visitation of his Convocation at least once a year, or twice if practicable, in which visitations he shall minister specially to members of the Church otherwise without pastoral oversight and services, whether individuals or congregations, investigate the condition and necessities of the Mission field, encourage and assist Missions already begun, and ascertain the most favorable points for new Missionary enterprises; (3) to address congregations in the parishes of his Convocation, as occasion may offer, upon the subject of the Missionary work of the Convocation; and (4) to make a report of his visitations to the regular meetings of the Convocation, and, after discussion and conference therein, to make a full report in writing to the Bishop annually at the time and for the period prescribed for Parochial reports.

SEC. 2. The expenses of the Dean in making the required visitations, and also the clergy assisting him or supplying his place during such visitations, shall be paid out of a common fund to be provided by each Convocation in such manner as they may severally determine.

SEC. 3. While the Dean is engaged in the work hereby laid upon him, it shall be the duty of the other clerical members of the Convocation, upon his request, to supply his place in his parish, as far as practicable, and also to assist him in his general work by their counsel, presence and co-operation, under such reasonable regulations as may be arranged between them in the regular meetings of the Convocation.

Chapter III, Canon II, Section 2. Add:

In case of a vacancy in the office of Warden, a successor shall be elected in the same manner.

Chapter III. Canon VI. section 3. As amended. [See Journal, p. 48, 1893.]

Sec. 3. PAROCHIAL REPORTS.—It shall be the duty of every Clergyman, at the close of the month of April each year, to report to the Bishop of the Diocese, by such form as shall be from time to time set forth by authority of the Diocesan Convention, the number of baptisms, confirmations, marriages and burials among the people of his charge since the close of his last report; also such official acts as he may have performed within or without his Cure, specifying in the latter case the place where performed. He shall also report, so far as practicable, the number of baptized persons and the number of communicants within his Cure, with the number of children receiving religious instruction in Sunday-schools or Parochial schools; also the amount of contributions for Church purposes, as well as such other matters as may throw light on the state of the Parish.

Chapter III, Canon VII.

No memorial shall hereafter be placed in any church without the consent both of the Rector or Minister in charge and of the Vestry. No memorial heretofore placed in any church, and none hereafter placed in accordance with this Canon, shall be altered or removed without the consent both of the Rector or Minister in charge, and of the Vestry: *Provided*, that when there is no Rector or Minister in charge, or when there is no Vestry, the consent of the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese, together with that of the Vestry, or together with that of the Rector or Minister in charge, shall suffice.

RULES OF ORDER:

IV. For *President* substitute *presiding officer*.

V. Insert *The Committee on Canons* before *The Committee on Elections*.

VI. Strike out the word *Parochial*.

XIV. Add: But if the vote be unanimous, it shall suffice to record the number voting in each order; and unless the vote of a Parish be equally divided, it shall suffice to record the vote of the Parish and that of any dissenting delegate.

SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE EPISCOPAL AND CONTINGENT FUND.

Ansonville, All Souls.....	\$ 6.00	Orange County, St. Mary's	2.50
Battleboro, St. John's.....	12.00	Oxford, St. Stephen's.....	75.00
Burlington, St. Athanasius	80.00	Pittsboro, St. Bartholo-	
Chapel Hill, Chapel of the		mew's	48.00
Cross	50.00	Pittsboro, St. James.....	7.20
Charlotte, St. Michael's....	12.00	Raleigh, Christ Church...	330.00
Charlotte, St. Peter's.....	198.00	Raleigh, St. Saviour's.....	2.50
Concord, All Saints.....	15.00	Raleigh, Good Shepherd...	180.00
Cuningham's, Chapel....	8.00	Raleigh, St. Mary's.....	60.00
Durham, St. Philip's	96.00	Raleigh, St. Augustine's..	10.00
Edgemcombe Co., St. Mary's	6.60	Raleigh, St. Ambrose.....	10.00
Enfield, Advent.....	6.60	Reidsville, St. Thomas....	13.20
Fairintosh, Salem Chapel..	2.50	Richmond Co. Missions ...	2.50
Gaston, St. Luke's.....	9.90	Ridgeway, Good Shepherd	24.00
Germanton, St. Philip's ..	6.00	Ringwood, St. Clement's..	21.00
Goshen. (P. O. Oak Hill)		Rocky Mount, Good Shep-	
St. Paul's	3.60	herd	72.00
Greensboro, St. Andrew's..	24.00	Rowan County, St. Mary's	9.60
Greensboro, St. Barnabas..	48.00	Rowan Co., St. Andrew's..	15.84
Greensboro, St. Cuthbert's	2.50	Rowan Co., Christ Church	15.84
Halifax, St. Mark's.....	12.00	Rowan County, St. Jude's..	2.50
Henderson, Holy Innocents	120.00	Rowan Co., St. Matthew's..	2.50
High Point, St. Mary's ...	12.00	Salisbury, St. Luke's.....	120.00
Hillsboro, St. Matthew's..	132.00	Salisbury, St. Paul's.....	7.20
Iredell County, St. James..	13.20	Salisbury, St. Peter's.....	3.60
Jackson, Church of the		Salisbury, St. John.....	2.50
Saviour	60.00	Sanford, St. Thomas.....	2.50
Kittrell, St. James	15.00	Smithfield Mission	2.50
Lawrence, Grace	2.50	Scotland Neck, Trinity....	50.00
Leaksville, Epiphany	18.00	Southern Pines, Emmanuel	12.00
Lexington, Redemption...	12.00	Statesville, Trinity.....	24.00
Littleton, Chapel of the		Stoneville Mission	2.50
Cross.....	6.00	Stovall, St. Peter's.....	3.60
Littleton, Mission	2.50	Tarboro, Calvary	180.00
Louisburg, St. Paul's.....	25.00	Tarboro, St. Luke's	19.80
Louisburg, St. Matthias...	3.00	Wadesboro, Calvary	54.00
Madison, St. John's.....	10.00	Walnut Cove, Christ Ch...	13.20
Mecklenburg County, St.		Warren County, St. Luke's	2.50
Mark's	6.60	Warrenton, Emmanuel...	60.00
Middleburg, Heavenly Rest	6.60	Warrenton, All Saints....	2.50
Milton, Christ Church.....	6.00	Weldon, Grace	30.00
Mayodan, Mission	2.50	Williamsboro, St. John's..	26.40
Monroe, St. Paul's	25.00	Wilson, St. Timothy's	79.20
Mt. Airy Mission.....	10.00	Wilson, St. Mark's.....	2.50
Noise, St. Philip's	2.50	Winston, St. Paul's.....	50.00

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